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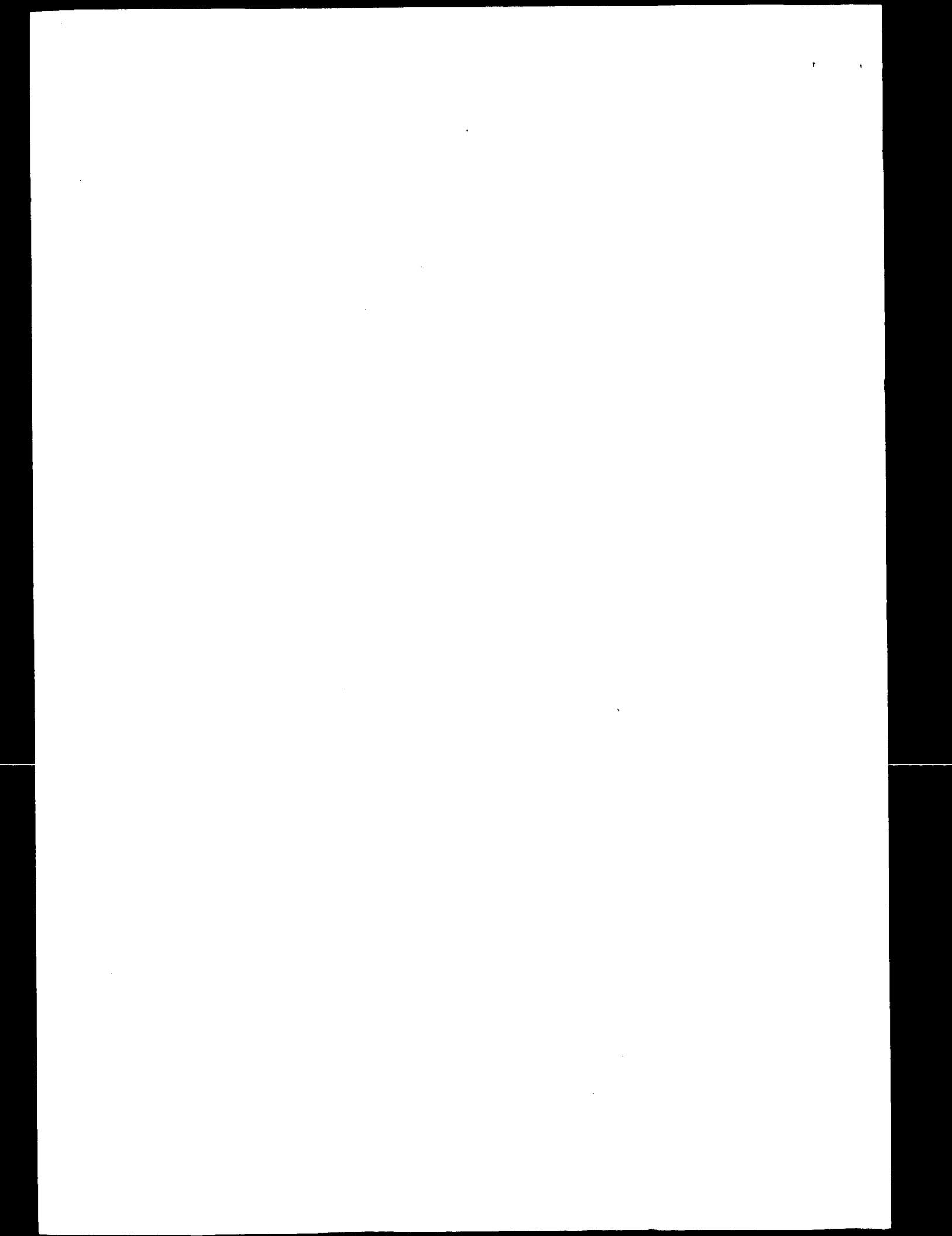
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(52) Proteins and production thereof.

(57) Disclosed are (1) a fused protein obtained by combining an antigen used for vaccine and a lymphokine by the application of gene engineering, (2) a recombinant DNA containing a nucleotide sequence coding for the above fused protein, (3) a transformant bearing the above recombinant DNA, (4) a method for producing the fused protein which comprises cultivating the above transformant, producing and accumulating the above fused protein in a culture, and collecting the fused protein, and (5) a hybrid protein obtained by chemically combining an antigen used for vaccine with a lymphokine. The resulting fused and hybrid proteins have strong immunogenicity.

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- present invention;
- Fig. 12 is a representation showing an amino acid sequence deduced from the nucleotide sequence shown in Fig. 11;
- Fig. 13 is a schematic representation showing the construction of an expression plasmid for animal cells of the truncated gD gene of HSV-1;
- 5 Fig. 14 is a schematic representation showing the construction of an expression plasmid for animal cells of the fused protein gene according to the present invention;
- Fig. 15 is a graph showing survival rates of mice to time after inoculation of HSV.
- 10 Figs. 16-1, 16-2, 16-3, 16-4, 16-5, 16-6 and 16-7 are schematic representations showing the construction of plasmids used in Reference Example 2;
- Fig. 17 is a representation showing a nucleotide sequence and an amino acid sequence deduced from the nucleotide sequence of gpl gene inserted into the plasmid pUC18 in Reference Example 2;
- 15 Fig. 18 is a schematic representation showing the construction of an expression plasmid for animal cells of the fused protein gene according to the present invention;
- Fig. 19 is a schematic representation showing the construction of an expression plasmid for animal cells of the fused protein gene according to the present invention;
- Fig. 20 shows Western blotting analysis of the fused protein of the present invention;
- Fig. 21 is a schematic representation showing the construction of an expression plasmid for animal cells of the fused protein gene according to the present invention; and
- 20 Fig. 22 is a schematic representation showing the construction of an expression plasmid for animal cells of the fused protein gene according to the present invention;

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

25 Preferred lymphokines for use in the present invention include interleukin (hereinafter referred to as IL)-1, IL-2, IL-3, IL-4, IL-5, IL-6, IL-7, granular colony stimulating factor (G-CSF), granular macrophage colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF), macrophage colony stimulating factor (M-CSF) and interferon- γ .

The antigens (proteins or polypeptides) used for vaccines in accordance with the present invention include antigens of viruses whose hosts are animals, such as antigens of herpesviruses including herpes simplex virus (HSV), varicella-zoster virus (VZV) and cytomegalovirus (CMV); antigens of retroviruses including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and adult human T cell leukemia virus (HTLV-I); antigens of hepadnaviruses including hepatitis B virus (HBV); antigens of togaviruses including non-A, non-B hepatitis viruses (HCV and HEV) and Japanese encephalitis virus; antigens of picornaviruses including hepatitis A virus (HAV); antigens of orthomyxoviruses including influenza virus; antigens of parvoviruses; antigens of papovaviruses; antigens of adenoviruses; antigens of poxviruses; antigens of reoviruses; antigens of paramyxoviruses; antigens of rhabdoviruses; antigens of arenaviruses; and antigens of coronaviruses; antigens of pathogenic protozoa such as a malarial antigen; and antigens of pathogenic bacteria such as a Bordetella pertussis antigen.

40 Examples of such antigens include surface antigen gD or gB of herpes simplex virus (HSV) type 1 or type 2, surface antigen gpl or gplII of varicella-zoster virus (VZV), gag antigen or env antigen of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), gag antigen or env antigen of adult human T cell leukemia virus (HTLV-I), C antigen, M antigen or E antigen of hepatitis C virus (HCV), and core antigen, surface antigen L protein, surface antigen M protein or surface antigen S protein of hepatitis B virus (HBV).

In some embodiments of the present invention, the antigen used for vaccine may be fused with the 45 lymphokine through a linker. In other embodiments, a hybrid protein comprising an antigen used as a vaccine and a lymphokine is formed by chemical methods.

Linkers for use in the present invention comprise one amino acid residue or a peptide residue comprising 2 to about 30 amino acid residues (preferably one amino acid residue or a peptide residue comprising 2 to about 10 amino acid residues) selected from G, A, V, L, I, S, T, C, M, E, D, K, R, H, F, Y, 50 W, P, N and Q.

As an example, a fused protein of an HSV surface protein which is an HSV antigen with IL-2 will hereinafter be described.

As the HSV surface protein, glycoproteins gD and gB lacking transmembrane domains are advantageously used.

55 The present invention particularly provides (1) fused protein (I) of glycoprotein gD lacking the transmembrane domain with IL-2, or fused protein (II) of glycoprotein gB lacking transmembrane domain with IL-2; (2) recombinant DNAs (III) and (IV) containing nucleotide sequences coding for fused proteins (I) and (II), respectively; (3) transformants bearing recombinant DNAs (III) or (IV), respectively; and (4) a

method for producing fused protein (I) or (II) which comprises cultivating the transformant bearing recombinant DNA (III) or (IV), producing and accumulating fused protein (I) or (II) in a culture, and collecting fused protein (I) or (II).

As surface protein genes of HSV, there can be used, for example, gD and gB genes of various HSV-1 strains such as HSV-1 strain Miyama. Examples of the gD genes include a gene having the amino acid sequence shown in Fig. 1 (surface protein gD of HSV-1 strain Miyama, Japanese Patent Application No. 63-180114/1988). The essential portion of this amino acid sequence is from Lys of No. 26 to Ala of No. 302. Examples of the DNAs containing the nucleotide sequence coding for this gD gene include a DNA having the nucleotide sequence shown in Fig. 2. The portion from No. 186 to No. 1016 thereof corresponds to the essential portion. Examples of the gB genes include a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence shown in Fig. 3 (surface protein gB of HSV-1 strain Miyama, Japanese Patent Application No. 1-158238/1989 filed on June 22, 1989 and Japanese Patent Application No. 1-308941/1989 filed on November 30, 1989). The essential portion thereof is from Ala of No. 1 to Asp of No. 293. Examples of the DNAs containing the nucleotide sequence coding for this gB gene include a DNA having the nucleotide sequence shown in Fig. 4. The portion from No. 341 to No. 1219 thereof corresponds to the essential portion. The gB genes further include, for example, genes having the nucleotide sequences and the amino acid sequences deduced therefrom shown in Fig. 5 [surface protein gB of HSV-1 strain KOS, D. J. Bzik et al., *Virology* 133, 301 (1984)] and Fig. 6 [surface protein gB of HSV-1 strain F, P. E. Pellet et al., *J. Virology* 53, 243 (1985)]. The IL-2 genes are combined with these genes, preferably with the truncated gD and/or gB gene lacking the coding regions of the transmembrane domains, whereby the fused protein genes can be constructed.

Amino acids residues in a protein may be modified by oxidation, reduction, or other derivitization without loss of activity. Furthermore, modifications of the primary structure of the protein by deletion, addition or alteration of the amino acids can be made without destroying the activity of the protein. Such modifications are included in the definition of "essential portion" as used herein so long as the bioactivity of the protein is not destroyed. It is expected that such modifications may qualitatively or quantitatively affect the bioactivity of the protein in the vaccines of the present invention.

IL-2 is one particularly preferred lymphokine for use in the vaccines of the present invention. Any IL-2 gene can be used as long as it codes for an IL-2 active substance. The IL-2 active substance may be any IL-2 as long as it has IL-2 activity, namely the activity of enabling the passage maintenance of T cells. Examples of such substances include natural IL-2 produced in animal bodies or animal cells, recombinant IL-2 produced by recombinant technology and their related substances. In particular, human IL-2 is preferable, and more particularly, recombinant human IL-2 is preferable. When the IL-2 described above and the related substances thereof are proteins, they may have sugar chains or not.

Specifically, there may be used, for example, polypeptide (A) produced by genetic engineering technique and having the amino acid sequence shown in Fig. 7 (refer to Japanese Patent Unexamined Publication No. 61-78799/1986), and a fragment having a portion of the amino acid sequence necessary for its biological or immunological activity. Examples of the fragments include a fragment lacking one amino acid residue at the amino terminus (refer to European Patent Publication No. 91539), a fragment lacking 4 amino acid residues at the amino terminal portion (refer to Japanese Patent Unexamined Publication No. 60-126088/1985) and a fragment lacking several amino acid residues at the carboxyl terminal portion. Further, a portion of the above polypeptide (A) may be deleted or substituted by a different amino acid(s). For example, the cysteine residue at the 125-position may be replaced with a serine residue (refer to Japanese Patent Unexamined Publication No. 59-93093/1984).

The above recombinant IL-2 produced by genetic engineering technique may be a polypeptide in which an Met residue is further added to the amino terminus of polypeptide (A) (refer to Japanese Patent Unexamined Publication No. 61-78799/1986), or a mixture of polypeptide (A) and the polypeptide in which an Met residue is further added to the amino terminus of polypeptide (A) (refer to Japanese Patent Unexamined Publication No. 60-115528/1985).

The recombinant DNA (expression plasmid) containing the nucleotide sequence coding for the fused protein (I) or (II) of the present invention can be prepared, for example, by the following processes.

- 50 (a) A desired truncated gene is cut out from a plasmid in which the gD or gB gene of HSV-1 strain Miyama has been cloned.
- (b) An appropriate linker is added thereto as needed, followed by construction of a fused gene in which an IL-2 gene is linked to the 3'-terminal portion of the DNA.
- (c) The resulting fused protein gene is ligated downstream from a promoter in an expression vector.

In the present invention, any vector (for example, plasmid) may be used as long as it can be replicated in an eucaryotic cell as a host. When the host is yeast, examples of such vectors include pSH19 [S. Harashima et al., *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 4, 771 (1984)] and pSH19-1 (European Patent Publication No. 0235430).

and a vehicle for expression of foreign genes is obtained by inserting a promoter therein. When the host is an animal cell, the vehicle for expression of foreign genes is obtained, for example, by inserting an SV40-derived promoter, a retrovirus promoter or the like in pBR322.

As the promoter used in the present invention, any promoter is usable as long as the promoter is suitable for expression in the host used for the gene expression. When the host is yeast, it is preferred that a GLD (GAPDH) promoter, a PHO5 promoter, a PGK promoter, an ADH promoter, a PHO81 promoter and the like are used. When the host is an animal cell, an SV40-derived promoter, a retrovirus promoter and the like are preferably used.

The promoters can be prepared enzymatically from the corresponding genes. They can also be chemically synthesized.

By using the vector containing the recombinant DNA thus constructed, the eucaryotic cell is transformed.

The host includes, for example, yeast and animal cells.

Examples of the yeast include Saccharomyces cerevisiae AH22R⁻, NA87-11A and DKD-5D and Schizosaccharomyces pombe ATCC38399(h⁻ leu1-32) and TH168(h⁺ ade6-M210 ura1 leu1) [M.Kishida et al., Current Genetics, 10, 443C1986].

Examples of the animal cells include adherent cells such as monkey cell COS-7, Vero, Chinese hamster ovary cell (CHO), mouse L cell and human FL cell, and non-adherent cells such as mouse myeloma cell (such as SP2/0), mouse YAC-1 cell, mouse MethA cell, mouse P388 cell and mouse EL-4 cell.

The transformation of the yeast is carried out according to, for example, the method described in Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A., 75, 1929 (1978). The transformation of the animal cell is carried out according to, for example, the method described in Virology, 52, 456 (1973).

The transformants (recombinants) thus obtained are cultivated by per se known methods.

When the transformants in which the host is yeast are cultivated, there is used, for example, Burkholder minimum medium [K. L. Bostian et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A., 77, 4505 (1980)] as a medium. The pH of the medium is preferably adjusted to about 5 to 8. The cultivation is usually carried out at about 20 to 35 °C for about 24 to 72 hours, with aeration or agitation if necessary.

When the transformants in which the host is an animal cell are cultivated, there can be used as the medium, for example, about 5 to 20% fetal calf serum-containing, MEM medium [Science, 122, 501 (1952)], DMEM medium [Virology, 8, 396 (1959)], RPMI1640 medium [Journal of the American Medical Association, 199, 519 (1967)] and 199 medium [Proceeding of the Society for the Biological Medicine, 73, 1 (1950)]. The pH is preferably about 6 to 8. The cultivation is usually carried out at about 30 to 40 °C for about 15 to 60 hours, with aeration or agitation if necessary.

In the present invention, the fused proteins having both the HSV surface antigenicity and the IL-2 activity can be separated and purified by appropriate combinations of per se known separating and purifying methods. These known separating and purifying methods include methods utilizing a solubility such as salt precipitation and solvent precipitation, methods mainly utilizing a difference in molecular weight such as dialysis, ultrafiltration, gel filtration and SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis, methods utilizing a difference in electric charge such as ion-exchange column chromatography, methods utilizing specific affinity such as affinity chromatography, methods utilizing a difference in hydrophobicity such as reverse-phase high performance liquid chromatography and methods utilizing a difference in isoelectric point such as isoelectric point electrophoresis.

The fused protein of an antigen other than the HSV surface protein and IL-2 can be prepared using a gene (DNA) coding for that antigen in lieu of the HSV surface protein gene, according to the methods described above.

The fused protein of the antigen used for vaccine and a lymphokine other than IL-2 can be prepared using a gene coding for the antigen and a gene coding for the lymphokine, according to the methods described above.

When the virus is a partially or completely single-stranded virus, a double-stranded DNA which is obtained by conversion with DNA polymerase can be used. When the virus is an RNA virus, there can be used a double-stranded DNA which is obtained by synthesizing a single-stranded DNA by using a reverse transcriptase and then converting the single-stranded DNA with DNA polymerase.

The host used for expression of the recombinant DNA may be a prokaryotic cell such as Escherichia coli or Bacillus. However, in order to improve the immunogenicity of the antigen-lymphokine fused proteins obtained, a eucaryotic cell is advantageously used as described above.

The protein simultaneously containing the antigen used for vaccine and the lymphokine can be obtained by combining 2 kinds of proteins by chemical methods as described below, in addition to the above genetic engineering technique. Namely, for the purpose of chemically combining the antigen used for vaccine with

the lymphokine, there can be utilized substituent groups existing in these proteins, such as amino, carboxyl, hydroxyl and sulphydryl groups. For example, the following methods are used.

- 5 (1) A reactive amino group of one protein is condensed with a reactive carboxyl group of the other protein by dehydration in a water-soluble solvent, using a water-soluble carbodiimide reagent such as 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylamino-propyl)-carbodiimide or 1-cyclohexyl-3-(2-morpholinoethyl)- carbodiimide-p-toluene sulfonate.
- 10 (2) A reactive amino group of one protein is reacted with a reactive ester of N-hydroxysuccimide such as p-maleimidomethylcyclohexane-1-carboxyl-N-hydroxysuccimide ester or N-(ϵ -maleimidocaproyloxy)succimide ester to maleimidate the protein, and then the resulting product is combined with a sulphydryl group of (i) a protein obtained by reducing the other protein with dithiothreitol (DTT) or (ii) a protein obtained by introducing a sulphydryl group in the other protein with N-succimidyl-3-(2-pyridylthio)propionate (SPDP), to combine them through a thioether bond.
- 15 (3) Both reactive amino groups of two kinds of proteins are combined with each other by using a dialdehyde reagent such as succindialdehyde or glutaraldehyde.
- 15 (4) Sulphydryl groups are introduced in two kinds of proteins by reduction with DTT or by SPDP, followed by reoxidation to produce a heterodimer.

Also, a desired heterodimeric protein can be efficiently produced by various combinations of these methods so that the activities of two kinds of proteins are not reduced.

After the completion of the combining reactions described above, the resulting hybrid proteins can be purified and separated by gel filtration chromatography using Sephadex G100 or G200, Sepharose 6B or 20 4B, Ultrogel AcA44 or 34, or Sephacryl S200. Further, the proteins can also be separated by a combination with affinity chromatography using an antibody column.

The antigen-lymphokine fused proteins or the antigen-lymphokine hybrid proteins obtained according to the present invention have stronger immunogenicity than the antigens not fused or combined with the 25 lymphokines. This results from the fact that the antigen and the lymphokine simultaneously stimulate lymphocytes to promote efficiently the differentiation and proliferation of the lymphocytes, because of the presence of the antigen and the lymphokine in the same molecule. As a result, the production of antibodies to the antigens is significantly enhanced. In addition, the antigen-lymphokine proteins can also induce cell-mediated immunity. Accordingly, these proteins are particularly useful as therapeutic vaccines for virus 30 mediated immunity. Infectious diseases observed in patients whose immunological function is lowered (for example, cancer patients and AIDS patients), and as therapeutic vaccines for prevention of recurrence diseases due to viruses inducing persistent infection (for example, herpesviruses, retroviruses and hepatitis viruses). Of course, the antigen-lymphokine proteins can also be advantageously used as preventive vaccines for prevention of infection with viruses, pathogenic protozoa and pathogenic bacteria.

35 The antigen-lymphokine proteins obtained according to the present invention can be (intramuscularly, subcutaneously or intracutaneously) administered in accordance with administration methods of various vaccines used for prevention of infection with viruses, pathogenic protozoa and pathogenic bacteria. In addition, these proteins can also be intravenously administered. Further, the antigen-lymphokine proteins can be used as themselves alone, as mixtures of them with conventional pharmaceutically acceptable 40 carriers, and as liposomal preparations.

When bases, amino acids and so on are indicated by the abbreviations in this specification and the drawings, the abbreviations adopted by IUPAC-IUB Commission on Biochemical Nomenclature or commonly used in the art are employed. For example, the following abbreviations are used. When the optical isomer is capable of existing with respect to the amino acids, the L-form is represented unless otherwise 45 specified.

- DNA : Deoxyribonucleic acid
- cDNA : Complementary deoxyribonucleic acid
- RNA : Ribonucleic acid
- mRNA : Messenger RNA
- 50 A : Adenine
- T : Thymine
- G : Guanine
- C : Cytosine
- dATP : Deoxyadenosine triphosphate
- 55 dTTP : Deoxymyridine triphosphate
- dGTP : Deoxyguanosine triphosphate
- dCTP : Deoxycytidine triphosphate
- ATP : Adenosine triphosphate

- EDTA : Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
 SDS : Sodium dodecyl sulfate
 DTT : Dithiothreitol
 Gly : Glycine (G)
 5 Ala : Alanine (A)
 Val : Valine (V)
 Leu : Leucine (L)
 Ile : Isoleucine (I)
 Ser : Serine (S)
 10 Thr : Threonine (T)
 Cys : Cysteine (C)
 1/2 Cys: Half cysteine
 Met : Methionine (M)
 Glu : Glutamic acid (E)
 15 Asp : Aspartic acid (D)
 Lys : Lysine (K)
 Arg : Arginine (R)
 His : Histidine (H)
 Phe : Phenylalanine (F)
 20 Tyr : Tyrosine (Y)
 Trp : Tryptophan (W)
 Pro : Proline (P)
 Asn : Asparagine (N)
 Gin : Glutamine (Q)
 25 Ap' : Ampicillin-resistant gene
 Tc' : Tetracycline-resistant gene
 ARS 1: Autonomous replication sequence 1
 With respect to the proteins of the present invention, a portion of the amino acid sequence may be modified, namely there may be addition, elimination or substitution by a different amino acid(s) as long as the immunogenicity is not lost.
 30 The present invention will hereinafter be described in detail with the following Reference Examples and Examples. It is understood of course that these Reference Examples and Examples are merely illustrative and are not intended to limit the scope of the invention.
 Transformant CHO-HDL-1-5 obtained in Example 3 described below and bearing plasmid pHDLdhfr1
 35 was deposited with the Fermentation Research Institute, Agency of Industrial Science and Technology, Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Japan (FRI) under the accession number FERM BP-2506 on July 7, 1989. This microorganism was also deposited with the Institute for Fermentation, Osaka, Japan (IFO) under the accession number IFO 50192 on June 26, 1989.
 Transformant Escherichia coli DH1/pHSD BJ-1 bearing plasmid PHSD BJ-1 described in Reference
 40 Example mentioned below was deposited with the FRI under the accession number FERM BP-1784 on March 9, 1988. This microorganism was also deposited with the IFO under the accession number IFO 14730 on February 23, 1988.
 Transformant Saccharomyces cerevisiae NA74-3A($\bar{\mu}$)/pGFE213 bearing plasmid pGFE213 described in Example 1 mentioned below was deposited with the FRI under the accession number FERM BP-2095 on
 45 October 11, 1988. This microorganism was also deposited with the IFO under the accession number IFO 10460 on September 19, 1988.
 Animal cell SP-neo-HSD-39 described in Example 6 mentioned below was deposited with the FRI under the accession number FERM BP-2809 on March 16, 1990. This microorganism was also deposited with the IFO under the accession number IFO 50231 on March 1, 1990.
 50 Animal cell SP-neo-HDL-245 described in Example 8 mentioned below was deposited with the FRI under the accession number FERM BP-2810 on March 16, 1990. This microorganism was also deposited with the IFO under the accession number IFO 50232 on March 1, 1990.
 Transformant Escherichia coli K12 DH1/pTB652 bearing plasmid pTB652 described in Example 5 mentioned below was deposited with the FRI under the accession number FERM BP-1373 on September 5, 1986. This microorganism was also deposited with the IFO under the accession number IFO 14539 on August 29, 1986.
 Transformant Escherichia coli JM109/pVGL4 bearing plasmid pVGL4 described in Example 15 mentioned below was deposited with the FRI under the accession number FERM BP-2977 on June 20, 1990.

This microorganism was also deposited with the IFO under the accession number IFO 15049 on June 13, 1990.

5 Reference Example 1

Preparation of Plasmid pHSG396SgD

- 10 A DNA coding for the 20 amino acid residues from the N-terminus of gD, namely the 73-bp DNA fragment shown in Fig. 8 was chemically synthesized, and inserted into vector pUC8 digested with BamHI and HindIII.
- The resulting pUC8 BamHI-HindIII73 was digested with BamHI and Ncol to obtain a 73-bp fragment. On the other hand, a Ncol-Sacl DNA fragment of about 1.28 kb was obtained from cloning plasmid pUC18gD having an HindIII-Nrul fragment [plasmid pHSD BJ-1 (IFO 14730, FERM BP-1784 origin) of about 1.4 kb containing the gD-coding region of HSV. The above 73-bp fragment and the above Ncol-Sacl DNA fragment were reacted with a BamHI-Sacl digest of plasmid vector pHSG396 (Takara Shuzo) to prepare subcloning plasmid pHSG396SgD.

20 Reference Example 2

(1) Preparation of Virus DNA of Varicella-zoster Virus, Kuzuhara Strain

- 25 Flow 2000 cells (of human fetal lung origin) which were infected with varicella-zoster virus, Kuzuhara strain (VZV, KY strain) were inoculated at 10:1 to a monolayer (1575 cm^2) of Flow 2000 cells, followed by incubation in GIT medium (Nihon Pharmaceutical) at 37°C . When at least 50% of the cells showed cytopathic effect, the cells were treated with trypsin-EDTA, and the infected cells were recovered, followed by centrifugation at low speed (1,500 rpm, 10 minutes) to remove a supernatant. To pellets of the resulting infected cells was added 0.3 ml of PBS (0.8% NaCl, 0.02% KCl, 0.115% Na_2HPO_4 , 0.02% KH_2PO_4 , pH 7.2) to obtain 0.66 ml of a suspension.

- To the suspension was added 0.66 ml of low melting point agarose [1% low melting point agarose (FMC), 10 mM Tris HCl (pH 8.0), 1 mM EDTA], and the mixture was poured into a template (57 mm X 2 mm X 9 mm) to obtain an agarose block containing the infected cells. The agarose block was incubated in 15 ml of lysis buffer [1% SDS, 100 mM EDTA, 20 mM NaCl, 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 1 mg/ml Proteinase K] at 37°C overnight. The agarose block was transferred into a buffer which was prepared by removing SDS and Proteinase K from the above lysis buffer, and incubated overnight again. Then, the culture was allowed to stand in TE buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl, 500 mM EDTA, pH 8.0) at 4°C until it was subjected to electrophoresis.

- The above agarose block containing virus DNA was embedded in a 1% agarose gel [1% GTG agarose (FMC), 89 mM Tris-borate, 89 mM boric acid, 2 mM EDTA (pH 8.0)], and electrophoresis was carried out by using a pulsed field gel electrophoresis apparatus (LKB) at 240 V at a pulse of 60 sec for 18 hours.

- After electrophoresis, the gel was stained in 0.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ ethidium bromide solution, and the virus DNA which appeared near 120 kb was cut out together with the agarose gel. The agarose gel was immersed in 30 ml of TE buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, 1 mM EDTA, pH 8.0), and allowed to stand at 4°C for 2 hours. Then, the TE buffer was exchanged for a fresh one. After standing for 2 hours, the buffer was exchanged for a fresh one once more, followed by standing overnight. The agarose gel was washed with TE buffer once, and then immersed in 30 ml of a restriction enzyme reaction solution [10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 7 mM MgCl_2 , 100 mM NaCl, 7 mM 2-ME(mercaptoethanol), 0.01%BSA (bovine serum albumin)], followed by standing at 4°C for 2 hours. After this reaction solution was exchanged for a fresh one (10 ml), 1,200 units of restriction enzyme HindIII (Takara Shuzo) was added thereto, followed by standing at 37°C for 5 hours.

- After the reaction, the HindIII-digested virus DNA was electrically eluted from the agarose gel in a dialysis tube. About 2 ml of the resulting eluate was concentrated to 200 μl by a Centricon (Amicon), and ethanol was added thereto to precipitate the DNA. The precipitate was dissolved in 20 μl of restriction enzyme buffer (the same as described above in composition), and 10 units of XbaI and 10 units of HindIII (Takara Shuzo) were added thereto, followed by reaction at 37°C for 2 hours. The resulting reaction solution was subjected to electrophoresis in a 0.7% GTG agarose gel (FMC) as it is. As a result, there were

detected fragments having a size similar to that reported by Davison et al. [J. Gen. Virol. 67 , 1759 (1986)].

(2) Preparation of Plasmid Containing DNA Fragment of VZV, KY Strain

5 Of the XbaI-HindIII-digested fragments of the DNA of the VZV, KY strain, which were obtained in (1), fractions of about 8 to 10 kb were cut out of the agarose gel and electrically eluted, followed by phenol treatment and ethanol precipitation. About 50 ng of the DNA fragments were mixed with about 30 ng of pUC18 cleaved with XbaI and HindIII, and the mixture was incubated in 25 μ l of a reaction solution [66 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.6, 6.6 mM MgCl₂, 10 mM dithiothreitol, 1 mM ATP, 20 units of T4 DNA ligase (Takara Shuzo)] at 16 °C overnight. Then, using the resulting solution, Escherichia coli JM109 was transformed. Plasmids contained in a white colony which appeared on an agar plate containing 100 μ g/ml ampicillin, 0.2% X-gal and 10 mM IPTG were isolated by the alkali extraction method (T. Maniatis et al., Molecular Cloning, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, U.S.A., 1982), and the size of the XbaI-HindIII-digested fragments of cloned VZV DNA was examined by electrophoresis using a 0.7% agarose gel. A clone (pVHX7) into which a fragment of about 8.5 kb was inserted was selected, and the restriction map of the fragment was prepared. As a result, the map was similar to that reported by Davison et al., and it was anticipated that the fragment would contain a glycoprotein gpl gene (Fig. 16-1).

10 A 5.2 kb fragment obtained from the XbaI-SmaI digests of the above fragment was subcloned into the XbaI/SmaI site of pUC18 to prepare pCU18gpl (Fig. 16-1).

15 With respect to insert of pUC18gpl, the nucleotide sequence of the region of about 2.1 kb from the SmaI site was determined by the dideoxynucleotide synthetic chain termination method. The results showed that a VZVgpl protein was coded in the above region (Fig. 17).

20 An amino acid sequence deduced from the above nucleotide sequence is shown in Fig. 17. The nucleotide sequence of the above region was very similar to that reported by Davison et al. However, there were observed mutations in four bases [T of No. 196 (this invention) → C (Davison); C of No. 276 → T; T of No. 1969 → C; and T of No. 2040 → lacking] (mutation in one amino acid: the 40-position is Thr in the report of Davison, but Ile in this invention).

25 (3) Construction (I) of Plasmid for Expression of VZVgpl Gene: Construction of Truncated gpl Transient Expression Plasmid

30 (i) pUC18gpl (Fig. 16-1) was digested with Aval and NcoI to isolate a 0.35-kb fragment from -53 to +293 of a translation initiating codon of gpl. pUC19Nco which was obtained by inserting an NcoI linker (Pharmacia) into the SmaI site of vector pUC19 was cleaved with NcoI and BamHI. The resulting vector was ligated to the above 0.35-kb NcoI-Aval fragment with T4 DNA ligase once, followed by reaction with BamHI, Aval and T4 DNA ligase in order. Finally, ring closure was conducted with T4 DNA ligase to prepare pUC19gplNco (Fig. 16-2).

35 pUC19gplNco was reacted with XbaI, Klenow fragment E. coli DNA polymerase I (Klenow polymerase) and KpnI in order to open the ring. Thus, a 0.35-kb fragment was obtained. On the other hand, pUC18Nhe which was prepared by inserting an Nhe linker into pUC18 was reacted with EcoRI, Klenow DNA polymerase and KpnI in order to obtain a ring-opened vector. The resulting vector was ligated to the above 0.35-kb fragment with T4 DNA ligase to prepare pUC18NhegplNco (Fig. 16-2).

40 (ii) pUC18gpl was digested with SmaI and NcoI to obtain a 1.8-kb fragment, and pUC18NhegplNco was reacted with NheI, Klenow DNA polymerase and NcoI in order to obtain a 3.1-kb vector. The above 1.8-kb fragment was ligated to the above 3.1-kb vector with T4 DNA ligase to obtain plasmid pUC18gplSma (Fig. 16-3).

45 The plasmid PUC18gplSma was cleaved with EcoT22I and the termini of the cleaved fragment were changed to flush ends, followed by insertion of an NheI linker to obtain plasmid pUC18NhegplEcT (Fig. 16-3).

50 (iii) The plasmid pUC18NhegplEcT was digested with XbaI to obtain a 2.1-kb fragment, and this fragment was treated with Klenow DNA polymerase. On the other hand, pTB701 [a vector which was obtained by removing a c kinase gene from pTB652, Ono et al., Science 236 , 1116-1120 (1987)] was cleaved with EcoRI, followed by treatment with Klenow DNA polymerase to obtain a vector. The above fragment treated with Klenow DNA polymerase was ligated to the resulting vector with T4 DNA ligase to prepare expression plasmid pTBgplEcT (Fig. 16-4).

55 (iv) pUC18gpl was cleaved with SmaI and SacI, and the portion of about 0.45 kb on the 3'-terminal side

of the gpl gene was digested with exonuclease III. Then, the resulting fragment was treated with mung bean nuclease and Klenow DNA polymerase to change the termini thereof to flush ends, followed by ring closure with T4 DNA ligase to prepare pUC18SS60 (Fig. 16-5).

pUC18SS60 was cleaved with KpnI and partially digested with EcoRI to obtain a 2.3-kb fragment. The 5 termini of this fragment were changed to flush ends with T4 DNA polymerase, and an Nhel linker (New England Biolabs) was ligated thereto, followed by trimming with Ncol and Nhel to prepare a 1.3-kb fragment. The resulting fragment was ligated to a vector which was obtained by cleaving pUC18NhegPIEcT with Ncol and Nhel to prepare pUC18gpISS60 (Fig. 16-5).

(v) pUC18gpISS60 was partially digested with EcoRI, and DNA fragments each of which was cleaved 10 only at one portion were recovered. Then, the fragments were treated with Klenow DNA polymerase, followed by ring closure with T4 DNA ligase. From these was selected clone pUC18SS60-E7 in which the EcoRI site derived from pUC18 in pUC18SS60 disappeared (Fig. 16-6).

The termini of a 2.7-kb fragment obtained by treating PUC18SS60-E7 with XbaI were changed to flush 15 ends with Klenow DNA polymerase. On the other hand, pTB701 was cleaved with EcoRI and then the termini of the fragment were changed to flush ends with Klenow DNA polymerase to obtain a vector. The above fragment was ligated to the resulting vector to prepare expression plasmid pTBgPIE7-17 (Fig. 16-6).

(4) Construction (II) of Plasmid for Expression of VZVgpl Gene : Construction of Truncated gpl Stable Expression Plasmid

Expression plasmid pTB564 of a hamster dihydrofolate reductase (hDHFR) was digested with Clal to obtain a 1.9-kb fragment. The termini of the resulting fragment were changed to flush ends with Klenow DNA ligase. The expression plasmid pTB564 was prepared by ligating a 0.9-kb fragment, a 2.4-kb fragment 25 and a 0.8-kb fragment to one another with T4 DNA ligase, which were obtained by digesting pTB348, pTB399 and pTB401 [R. Sasada et al., Cell Structure and Function 12, 205 (1987)] with PstI and BamHI, Sall and BamHI, and Sall and PstI, respectively. On the other hand, pTBgPIE7-17 was cleaved with Sall, and then the termini of the fragment were changed to flush ends with Klenow DNA polymerase to obtain a 30 vector. The above fragment was ligated to the resulting vector to prepare expression plasmid pTBgPIE7-17 (Fig. 16-7).

Example 1

35 Construction of HSV-1 Truncated gD Gene

The plasmid vector pHSG396SgD (Reference Example) having the HSV-1 strain Miyama gD gene was 40 digested with restriction enzymes Xhol and XbaI to obtain a DNA fragment of about 1.35 kb, followed by further digestion with restriction enzyme Hinfl to obtain an Xhol-Hinfl fragment of about 0.91 kb. A 12-bp DNA fragment shown in Fig. 9 containing a stop codon was chemically synthesized, and reacted with the above Xhol-Hinfl fragment and an Xhol-SacI digest of plasmid vector pHSG397 (Takara Shuzo) to prepare 45 subcloning plasmid pHSG397SgDΔHinf. The resulting plasmid was digested with restriction enzymes Xhol and SacI to obtain an Xhol-SacI DNA fragment of about 0.92 kb. The fragment thus obtained was reacted with an Xhol-SacI digest of the plasmid PGFE213 (IFO 10460, FERM BP-2095 origin) described in Japanese Patent Application No. 63-180114/1988 and Reference Example 1 of Japanese Patent Application No. 63-317546/1988 to obtain expression plasmid pHSD104ΔHinf (refer to Fig. 9).

50 Example 2

Construction of Gene Expression Plasmid for Fused Protein Composed of HSV-1 Truncated gD and l1-2

55 The subcloning plasmid pHSG397SgDΔHinf constructed in Example 1 was digested with Xhol, and a Klenow fragment was allowed to react on the digest, followed by insertion of an EcoRI linker (pGGAATTcc) (NEB) to obtain pHSG397SgDΔHinfE. The resulting plasmid was digested with Hinfl to obtain a DNA fragment of about 0.95 kb, on which a Klenow fragment is allowed to react, followed by addition of an Nhel

linker (pCGCTAGCG) (Pharmacia) using T4 DNA ligase (Takara Shuzo). The resulting fragment was further digested with EcoRI and NheI to obtain an EcoRI-NheI fragment of about 0.9 kb coding for truncated gD lacking 94 amino acid residues from the C-terminus.

Then, animal cell expression plasmid pTB399 [Japanese Patent Unexamined Publication No. 61-63282/1986, R. Sasada et al., Cell Structure and Function 12, 205 (1987)] of human interleukin 2 was digested with EcoRI and HindIII to obtain a fragment, which was further digested with HgiAI to obtain a fragment of about 0.45 kb. T4 DNA polymerase was allowed to react on the fragment thus obtained, followed by addition of the above NheI linker. The resulting fragment was further digested with BamHI and NheI to obtain an NheI-BamHI fragment of about 0.43 kb containing the coding region of mature human interleukin 2.

The two fragments described above were reacted with a fragment of about 3.9 kb obtained by EcoRI-BglII digestion of pTB399 to obtain an expression plasmid pHDL201.

Further, in order to express the above fused protein in CHO cells and to enable gene amplification, a DNA fragment containing a fused gene of IL-2 and truncated gD of about 2.9 kb which was obtained by digesting the plasmid pHDL201 with Clal was inserted into the Clal site of dihydrofolate reductase (DHFR) gene expression plasmid pTB348 (refer to Japanese Patent Unexamined Publication No. 61-63282/1986) to obtain plasmid pHLDhfrl (refer to Fig. 10).

The nucleotide sequence of the resulting fused gene is shown in Fig. 11, and the amino acid sequence deduced therefrom is shown in Fig. 12.

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Example 3

25 Gene Expression of Fused Protein Composed of HSV-1 Truncated gD and IL-2 in Animal Cell

Using the plasmid pHLDhfrl constructed in Example 2, CHO cell DHFR⁻ strain [G. Urlaub and L. A. Chasim, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 77, 4216-4220 (1980)] was transformed by the calcium phosphate method [C. M. Gorman et al., Science 221, 551-553 (1983)] to obtain a transformant which was converted to DHFR⁺.

The resulting transformant CHO-HDL-1-5 (IFO 50192, FERM BP-2506) was cultivated in Dulbecco MEM medium (Gibco) containing 10% fetal calf serum (Whittaker M. A. Bioproducts) so as to become confluent. Then, the medium was exchanged for a methionine-free medium, and 25 μ Ci/ml of ³⁵S-methionine was added thereto, followed by cultivation overnight.

35 After a supernatant of the culture was recovered, 5 μ l/ml of supernatant of rabbit anti-HSV-1 (MacIntyre) serum (Dakopatt) or 10 μ l/ml of supernatant of rabbit anti-human IL-2 serum was added to the supernatant, followed by cultivation at 4°C for 2 hours. Then, protein A-Sepharose (Pharmacia) was added thereto, and cultivation was further carried out at 4°C for 2 hours, followed by centrifugation to recover a precipitate. The precipitate was washed with a buffer containing 0.05% NP-40, and Laemmli buffer was added thereto, followed by heating at 100°C for 5 minutes. After cooling, a supernatant was recovered by centrifugation and subjected to SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis. After electrophoresis, the gel was dried, and subjected to autoradiography. As a result, it was revealed that a product of about 45 to 60 k daltons which was reactive to both anti-HSV-1 and anti-IL-2 antibodies was produced.

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Example 4

50 Detection of IL-2 Activity in Expressed Product of Gene Coding for Fused Protein Composed of HSV-1 Truncated gD and IL-2

With respect to the culture of the transformant in which the expression of the fused protein composed of truncated gD and human IL-2 was observed in Example 3, the IL-2 activity was measured by the modified MTT method [H. Tada et al., J. Immunol. Methods 93, 157 (1986)], using IL-2-dependent cell strain NKC3.

55 As a result, the IL-2 activity was only detected in the culture supernatant of the cell in which the fused gene was introduced.

Example 5Construction of Plasmid for Expression of HSV-1 Truncated gD Gene in Myeloma Cell

5 The plasmid pHSG397SgDΔHinfE constructed in Example 2 was digested with restriction enzyme EcoRI to obtain a fragment of about 0.9 kb coding for truncated gD. The fragment thus obtained was inserted into the EcoRI site of pTB701 [a vector obtained by removing a C-kinase gene from plasmid pTB652 described in Ono et al., Science 236, 1116-1120 (1987)], thereby obtaining a truncated gD expression plasmid pHSD207 having a long terminal repeat and the early promoter of SV40.

10 Then, plasmid pMAMneo (Clontec) having a neomycin-resistant gene was digested with BamHI to obtain a fragment of about 2.8 kb containing the early promoter of SV40, the neomycin-resistant gene and a polyadenylation site. This fragment was subcloned to the BamHI site of pHSG396 (Takara Shuzo), followed by further digestion with restriction enzymes Clal and Sall to obtain a Clal-Sall fragment of about 2.8 kb containing the neomycin-resistant gene. The resulting fragment was reacted with a Clal-Sall digest (about 15 5.1 kb) of the above plasmid pHSD207 to obtain an expression plasmid pHSDneo of about 7.9 kb (refer to Fig. 13).

20 Example 6Expression of HSV-1 Truncated gD Gene in Myeloma Cell

25 Using the plasmid pHSDneo constructed in Example 5, mouse myeloma cell Sp2/0-Ag14 (Dainippon Pharmaceutical) was transformed by electroporation using a Gene Pulser (Bio-Rad), followed by cultivation in RPMI1640 medium (Gibco) containing 400 µg/ml of G418 (Gibco) and 10% fetal calf serum to obtain G418-resistant transformants. A culture supernatant of the transformants was screened according to an enzyme immunoassay by a sandwich method using a microplate (Nunc) coated with rabbit anti-HSV-1 serum (Dakopatt) and biotinyl anti-HSV-1 & -2 antibody (Chemicon) to obtain clones in which truncated gD was expressed.

30 The resulting high expression clone SP-neo-HSD-39 was cultivated in RPMI1640 medium (Gibco) containing 10% fetal calf serum (Whittaker M. A. Bioproducts), and then the medium was exchanged for a methionine-free medium, and 25 µCi/ml of ³⁵S-methionine was added thereto, followed by cultivation 35 overnight.

35 After a supernatant of the culture was recovered, 5 µl/ml of supernatant of rabbit anti-HSV-1 serum (Dakopatt) was added to the supernatant, and the mixture was incubated at 4°C for 2 hours, followed by centrifugation to recover a precipitate. The precipitate was washed with a buffer containing 0.05% NP-40, and Laemmli buffer was added thereto, followed by heating at 100°C for 5 minutes. After cooling, a 40 supernatant was recovered by centrifugation and subjected to SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis. After electrophoresis, the gel was dried, and subjected to autoradiography. As a result, it was revealed that a product of about 40 to 50 k daltons which was reactive to an anti-HSV-1 antibody was produced.

45 Example 7Construction of Gene Expression Plasmid Fused Protein Composed of HSV-1 Truncated gD and IL-2 in Myeloma Cell

50 The plasmid pHDL201 constructed in Example 2 was digested with restriction enzymes Sall and EcoRI to obtain a fragment of about 3.9 kb containing a fused gene composed of truncated gD and IL-2. On the other hand, the truncated gD expression plasmid pHSDneo having the neomycin-resistant gene in Example 5 was digested with Sall and EcoRI to obtain a fragment of about 4.4 kb containing the neomycin-resistant gene. These two fragments were reacted with each other to obtain expression plasmid pHDLneo of the truncated gD-IL-2 fused gene having the neomycin-resistant gene (refer to Fig. 14).

Example 8Gene Expression of Fused Protein Composed of HSV-1 Truncated gD and IL-2 in Myeloma Cell

5 Using the plasmid pHDLneo constructed in Example 7, mouse myeloma cell Sp2/0-Ag14 (Dainippon Pharmaceutical) was transformed by electroporation using a Gene Pulser (Bio-Rad), followed by cultivation in RPMI1640 medium (Gibco) containing 200 µg/ml of G418 (Gibco) and 10% fetal calf serum to obtain G418-resistant transformants. A culture supernatant of the transformants was screened according to an
 10 enzyme immunoassay by a sandwich method using a microplate (Nunc) coated with rabbit anti-HSV-1 serum (Dakopatt) and biotinyl anti-HSV-1 & -2 antibody (Chemicon) to obtain clones in which truncated gD was expressed.

15 Of the clones, Sp-neo-HDL-245 relatively high in expression amount was cultivated in serum-free medium ASF104 (Ajinomoto), and 1 ml of a supernatant thereof was concentrated by Ultrafree PF (Millipore). Then, Laemmli buffer was added thereto to 50 µl, followed by heating at 100 °C for 5 minutes. After cooling, SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis was conducted, and further the western blotting method was carried out using rabbit anti-HSV-1 serum (Dakopatt) and rabbit anti-human IL-2 serum (Genzyme). As a result, a band recognized by all antibodies was specifically detected.

20 Example 9

Expression of HSV-1 Truncated gD Gene in Animal Cell

25 Expression plasmid pHSDdhfr1 of HSV-1 truncated gD gene for animal cells was prepared as described in Reference Examples 1 and 2 and Example 1 of Japanese Patent Application No. 1-233728/1989, and transformant CHO-HSD-1-7 was obtained as described in Example 2 of the same application. The details thereof will hereinafter be described.

30 The plasmid pHSG397SgDΔHinf shown in Example 1 was digested with XbaI and SacI, and then T4 DNA polymerase was allowed to react on the digest to obtain a fragment of about 0.9 kb containing the truncated gD gene, both ends of the fragment being flush.

35 Then, plasmid pTB399 [Japanese Patent Unexamined Publication No. 61-63282/1986; R. Sasada et al., Cell Structure and Function 12, 205 (1987)] was digested with restriction enzymes EcoRI and BglII, and then T4 DNA polymerase was allowed to react on the digest to obtain a fragment of about 3.9 kb both ends of which are flush. The resulting fragment was reacted with the above fragment containing truncated gD in the presence of T4 DNA ligase to obtain expression plasmid pHSD2O9.

40 Then, in order to express the gene in CHO cells and to enable gene amplification, a fragment of about 2.4 kb which was obtained by digesting the plasmid pHSD2O9 with restriction enzyme Clal was inserted into the Clal site of plasmid pTB348 (refer to Japanese Patent Unexamined Publication No. 61-63282/1986) to obtain plasmids pHSDdhfr1 and pHSDdhfr2.

45 Using the plasmid pHSDdhfr1, CHO cell DHFR⁻ strain [G. Urlaub and L. A. Chasim, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 77, 4216-4220 (1980)] was transformed by the calcium phosphate method [C. M. Gorman et al., Science 221, 551-553 (1983)] to obtain a transformant which was converted to DHFR⁺.

Example 10Purification of HSV-1 Truncated gD (t-gD)

50 The transformant CHO-HSD-1-7 obtained in Example 9 was cultivated in serum-free medium ASF104 (Ajinomoto) so as to give a confluent state. Then, 5 l of the culture supernatant was dialyzed against 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0) buffer, followed by addition of ammonium sulfate to obtain a 20% saturated concentration. The resulting solution was subjected to a Butyl-Toyopearl column (100 ml in bed capacity, Ø 2.6 X 19 cm) equilibrated with 20% saturated ammonium sulfate/20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0) buffer, and then the column was washed with the same buffer. Subsequently, t-gD was eluted by a concentration gradient (totaled 800 ml) from 20% to 0% ammonium sulfate. t-gD fractions (70 ml) eluted at saturated ammonium

sulfate concentrations of about 3 to 5% were concentrated to 4 ml with an ultrafiltration membrane (DIAFLO; Amicon). The resulting solution was subjected to a Sephadryl S-300 column (198 ml in bed capacity, Ø 1.6 X 98.5 cm) equilibrated with PBS, and t-gD fractions were collected as a purified sample (3.5 mg/16 ml).

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Example 11

Purification of Fused Protein (t-gD-IL-2) Composed of HSV-1 Truncated gD and IL-2

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The transformant CHO-HDL-1-5 obtained in Example 3 was cultivated in serum-free medium ASF104 (Ajinomoto) so as to give a confluent state. Then, 5 l of the culture supernatant was dialyzed against 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0) buffer, followed by addition of ammonium sulfate to obtain a 20% saturated concentration. The resulting solution was subjected to a Butyl-Toyopearl 650 column (100 ml in bed capacity, Ø 2.6 X 15 cm) equilibrated with 20% saturated ammonium sulfate/20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0) buffer, and then the column was washed with the same buffer. Subsequently, t-gD-IL-2 was eluted by a concentration gradient (totaled 800 ml) from 20% to 0% ammonium sulfate. t-gD fractions (70 ml) eluted at saturated ammonium sulfate concentrations of about 0% were concentrated to 4 ml with an ultrafiltration membrane (Amicon). The resulting solution was subjected to a Sephadryl S-300 column (198 ml in bed capacity, Ø 1.6 X 98.5 cm) equilibrated with PBS, and t-gD-IL-2 fractions were collected as a purified sample (2.8 mg/14 ml).

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Example 12

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Immunogenicity of Fused Protein (t-gD-IL-2) Composed of HSV-1 Truncated gD and IL-2

(1) Determination of Anti-HSV Antibodies

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Each of truncated gD (t-gD) obtained in Example 10 and t-gD-IL-2 obtained in Example 11, alone or adsorbed on alum adjuvant (final concentration 0.5 mg/ml, pH 7.0), was abdominally subcutaneously administered in an amount of 0.2 ml/mouse to BALB/c mice (female, 6 weeks old, Charles River). After 5 weeks, blood was collected and serum samples were prepared. The anti-HSV antibodies were determined 35 by the following method.

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An inactivated HSV-coated microplate of a human anti-HSV antibody determination kit (Herpes Stat, Whittaker Bioproducts, Lot No. 002706) was blocked with PBS containing 20% FCS at room temperature for 2 hours, followed by washing 3 times with PBS containing 0.05% Tween 20 (PBS-Tween). To this plate was 40 added 100 µl/well of the serum sample diluted with 20% FCS/40 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5)/5% NaCl/0.05% Tween 20, followed by incubation at room temperature for 1 hour. The plate was washed 6 times with PBS-Tween, and then 100 µl of a 1,000-fold dilution of a peroxidase-labeled anti-mouse IgG antibody (HPR-conjugated rabbit X mouse IgG [H + L], Zymed Laboratories, Lot No. 80801651) was added to each well. 45 followed by incubation at room temperature for 30 minutes. The plate was washed 6 times with PBS-Tween, and then 100 µl of a substrate solution [2 mg/ml o-phenylenediamine/0.02% H₂O₂/0.1 M citrate buffer (pH 4.5)] was added to each well, followed by reaction for 10 minutes. After 200 µl of 2N sulfuric acid was added to each well to terminate color development, the absorbance was measured at 492 nm. (2) Comparison of Antibody Productivity of t-gD with That of t-gD-IL-2.

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The titer of the anti-HSV antibody in the serum sample was calculated using mouse anti-gD monoclonal antibody M42 [Koji Inoue, Osaka University Medical Magazine 36 (No.4), 69 (1987)] as a standard antibody in the following manner. The antibody titer of the M42 antibody (1.9 mg/ml) was arbitrarily defined as to 1900 mU/ml, and the titer of the anti-HSV antibody was determined from the ratio of the dilution of M42 giving the 50% value (about 1) of the maximum absorbance (≥ 2.0) given by the 4-fold dilution of M42 to that of the serum sample. Mean values for groups each consisting of 10 mice are shown in Table 1.

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Table 1

Antigen	Dose (μ g)	Antibody titer (mU/ml)	
		Alum (-)	Alum (+)
t-gD	0.35	-	76
	1.7	<5	228
t-gD-IL-2	1.0	-	513
	5.0	285	1,653
Control	-	-	<5

As apparent from Table 1, when the antigen was administered alone [Alum (-)], t-gD could hardly induce the antibody. However, t-gD-IL-2 significantly exhibited the antibody productivity. These results revealed that IL-2 combined with t-gD achieved a strong adjuvant activity. When the Alum adjuvant was used [Alum (+)], it was observed that t-gD produced the antibody (228 mU/ml on administration of 1.7 μ g). However, the high antibody titer was obtained by t-gD-IL-2 (513 mU/ml on administration of 1.0 μ g), and the effect of IL-2 addition was observed.

Example 13

Immunogenicity of Fused Protein (t-gD-IL-2) Composed of HSV-1 Truncated gD and IL-2

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(1) Determination of Anti-HSV Antibodies

Each of truncated gD (t-gD) obtained in Example 10 and t-gD-IL-2 obtained in Example 11, alone, mixed with equimolar human recombinant IL-2 (rIL-2; 1.21 mg/ml, Takeda Chemical Industries, Lot No. H-609-035) or adsorbed on alum adjuvant (final concentration 0.5 mg/ml, pH 7.0), was abdominally subcutaneously administered in an amount of 0.2 ml/mouse to BALB/c mice (female, 8 weeks old, Charles River). After 5 weeks, blood was collected to prepare serum samples. When immunization was carried out twice, the antigen was administered again 4 weeks after the first administration, and blood was collected 2 weeks after the second administration. The anti-HSV antibodies were determined by the following method.

An inactivated HSV-coated microplate of a human anti-HSV antibody determination kit (Herpes State, Whittaker Bioproducts, Lot No. 002706) was blocked with PBS containing 20% FCS at room temperature for 2 hours, followed by washing 3 times with PBS containing 0.05% Tween 20 (PBS-Tween). To this plate was added 100 μ l/well of the serum sample diluted with 20% FCS/40 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5)/5% NaCl/0.05% Tween 20, followed by incubation at room temperature for 1 hour. The plate was washed 6 times with PBS-Tween, and then 100 μ l of a 1,000-fold dilution of a peroxidase-labeled anti-mouse IgG antibody (HPR-conjugated rabbit X mouse IgG [H + L], Zymed Laboratories, Lot No. 80801651) was added to each well, followed by incubation at room temperature for 30 minutes. The plate was washed 6 times with PBS-Tween, and then 100 μ l of a substrate solution [2 mg/ml o-phenylenediamine/0.02% H₂O₂/0.1 M citrate buffer (pH 4.5)] was added to each well, followed by reaction for 10 minutes. After 200 μ l of 2N sulfuric acid was added to each well to terminate color development, the absorbance was measured at 492 nm.

(2) Comparison of Antibody Productivity of t-gD with That of t-gD-IL-2

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The titer of the anti-HSV antibody in the serum sample was calculated using mouse anti-gD monoclonal antibody M42 [Koji Inoue, Osaka University Medical Magazine 36 (No.4), 69 (1987)] as a standard antibody in the following manner. The antibody titer of the M42 antibody (1.9 mg/ml) was arbitrarily defined as to

1900 mU/ml, and the titer of the anti-HSV antibody was determined from the ratio of the dilution of M42 giving the 50% value (about 1) of the maximum absorbance (≥ 2.0) given by the 8-fold dilution of M42 to that of the serum sample. Mean values for groups each consisting of 10 mice are shown in Table 2. The range represented by \pm shows a standard deviation.

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Table 2

	Antigen (Dose)	Antibody titer (mU/ml)
10	Control [PBS]	7
	t-gD (1 μ g)	<15
	t-gD (5 μ g)	9 \pm 4
15	t-gD (1 μ g) X 2	1,018 \pm 1,833
	t-gD (1 μ g) + IL-2 (0.25 μ g)	23 \pm 29
	t-gD (5 μ g) + IL-2 (1.25 μ g)	35 \pm 38
20	t-gD-IL-2 (1 μ g)	400 \pm 292
	t-gD-IL-2 (5 μ g)	692 \pm 442
	t-gD-IL-2 (1 μ g) X 2	46,183 \pm 38,443
25	t-gD (1 μ g)-Alum (125 μ g)	341 \pm 267
	t-gD (5 μ g)-Alum (125 μ g)	481 \pm 451

As apparent from Table 2, when the antigen was once administered alone (Alum-) t-gD could hardly induce the antibody. However, t-gD-IL-2 significantly exhibited the antibody productivity, even when it was administered once. When the mixtures of t-gD and equimolar rIL-2 were administered once, the slight antibody production was only observed. These results revealed that IL-2 combined with t-gD achieved a strong adjuvant activity. When the Alum adjuvant was used (t-gD-Alum), it was observed that t-gD produced the antibody (341 mU/ml on administration of 1 μ g and 481 mU/ml on administration of 5 μ g). Compared to the antibody titers (400 mU/ml on administration of 1 μ g and 692 mU/ml on administration of 5 μ g) given by t-gD-IL-2, it was shown that the adjuvant effect due to IL-2 addition was not less than that of alum (125 μ g/mouse).

40 (3) Determination of Killer Activity.

The killer activity was determined by the ^{51}Cr releasing method. The preparation of effector cells and the labeling of target cells with ^{51}Cr were performed according to the methods described in S. Hinuma et al., *Immunology* 159, 251 (1986). Each of t-gD (5 μ g), the mixture of t-gD (5 μ g) and recombinant human IL-2 (rIL-2) (1.25 μ g), and t-gD-IL-2 (5 μ g) was dissolved in 200 μ l of PBS, and the resulting solutions were abdominally subcutaneously administered to BALB/c mice (4 mice per group). After 5 weeks, spleens were obtained from the mice. The spleens were collected for each group containing a control group to prepare single cell suspension. For stimulation in vitro with HSV-1, HSV-1 strain Miyama having a plaque forming unit (PFU) of about 1×10^7 was added to 1.25×10^8 spleen cells, followed by incubation at 37°C for 1 hour. The stimulated cells were suspended in 50 ml of complete RPMI 1640 medium containing 10% FCS, and cultivated in a plastic flask (Nunc) in the presence of 5% CO₂ at 37°C for 5 days. When the cells were not stimulated with HSV-1, the cultivation was similarly conducted without addition of HSV-1 strain Miyama. After the cultivation, the cells were washed by centrifugation. The number of the viable cells was counted, and then the cells were used as the effector cells.

55 As the target cells, P388, a macrophage cell line of the BALB/c mouse, was used. 3×10^6 P388 cells were incubated with HSV-1 strain Miyama having a PFU of about 3×10^6 at 37°C for 1 hour to prepare HSV-1-infected P388 cells. Then, 0.1 mCi sodium chromate solution was added to the HSV-1-infected and non-infected cells to label the cells with ^{51}Cr .

The spleen cells were added to 1×10^4 ^{51}Cr -labeled P388 cells so as to give an effector cells/target cells ratio (E/T ratio) of 25 to 100, followed by cultivation on a U-type 96-well microplate (Nunc) at 37°C for 4 hours. The killer activity was calculated from the amount of ^{51}Cr liberated in the supernatant (200 μl). The determination was carried out twice, and the result was indicated by the mean value of the two determinations. Further, the HSV-1 specific ^{51}Cr -release (%) was calculated from the following equation:

$$\text{HSV-1 Specific } ^{51}\text{Cr-Release (\%)} = [^{51}\text{Cr Release from HSV-1-Infected P388 Cells (\%)}] - [^{51}\text{Cr Release from HSV-1-Uninfected P388 Cells (\%)}]$$

The results are shown in Table 3. The HSV-1-specific and nonspecific killer activities were only observed when the spleen cells of mice to which t-gD-IL-2 was administered was stimulated in vitro with HSV-1. This shows that the cellular immunity to HSV-1 is induced by the administration of t-gD-IL-2.

Table 3

Induction of HSV-1 Specific and Non-specific Killer Activities by Administration of t-gD-IL-2					
Administration in Vivo	HSV-1 Stimulation	HSV-1 Infection of Target	% ^{51}Cr Release		
			E/T Ratio		
			25	50	100
Control	-	-	<1	<1	<1
	-	+	<1	<1	<1
	+	-	<1	<1	<1
	+	+	<1	<1	<1
t-gD	-	-	<1	<1	ND ^a
	-	+	<1	<1	<1
	+	-	<1	<1	ND
	+	+	<1	<1	<1
t-gD + rIL-2	-	-	<1	<1	<1
	-	+	<1	<1	<1
	+	-	ND	ND	ND
	+	+	<1	<1	ND
t-gD-IL-2	-	-	<1	<1	<1
	-	+	<1	<1	<1
	+	-	14.7	19.7	24.8
	+	+	26.5 (11.8) ^b	34.3 (14.6)	38.7 (13.9)

a. ND: Not done

b. HSV-1 specific ^{51}Cr releasing amount

(4) Protection against HSV-1 Challenge

Mice were immunized with each of 1 μg of t-gD, 1 μg of t-gD-IL-2 and mixture of 1 μg of t-gD and 0.25 μg of rIL-2, and protection against HSV-1 challenge in those mice was examined. Namely, each of the above antigens was administered to 8-week-old female BALB/c mice (a group consisting of 6 to 7 mice) in the manner described in the above item (1). After 5 weeks, 0.1 ml/mouse of HSV-1 (Miyama + GC strain) having a PFU of 2×10^5 was intraperitoneally inoculated in the mice. After inoculation, observations were carried out for 17 days to determine the survival ratio of the mice. The results are shown in Fig. 15. The

figures in parentheses indicated the number of the mice used and the number of mice in which the symptoms due to HSV-1 infection were observed (the symptoms appeared in the mice or the mice died).

In the control group (PBS) and the t-gD administration groups, the symptoms due to HSV-1 infection were observed in all mice. Even in the group (mixed) to which the mixture of t-gD and rIL-2 was administered, about half of the mice died. In contrast, in the t-gD-IL-2 administration group (fused), only one mouse died 11 days after the HSV-1 inoculation.

These results show the effect of IL-2 addition to t-gD not only in antibody production, but also in protection against HSV-1 challenge.

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Example 14

Preparation of Hybrid Protein Composed of HSV-1 Type Truncated gD and rIL-2

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(1) Maleimidation of HSV-1 Truncated gD

1 mg of the HSV truncated gD obtained in Example 11 was dissolved in 2 ml of 5 mM acetate buffer (pH 5.0), and then 50 μ l of a bimolar N-(ϵ -maleimidocaproyloxy)succinimide ester solution in dimethylformamide was added thereto, followed by reaction at 30 °C for 20 minutes. The reaction mixture was subjected to a Sephadex G-25 column equilibrated with 0.1 M phosphate buffer (PB, pH 6.5) to remove the combined reagent.

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(2) Sulphydrylation of IL-2

1 mg of the rIL-2 prepared in Japanese Patent Unexamined Publication No. 61-63282/1986 was dissolved in 0.05 M PBS (pH 7.3), and then 50 μ l of a bimolar SPDF solution in methanol was added thereto, followed by reaction at 30 °C for 30 minutes. After reduction by addition of 50 μ l of 0.1 M aqueous solution of DTT, the resulting product was subjected to the Sephadex G-25 column described in the above item (1) to remove the excessive reagent.

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(3) Preparation of Antigen-IL-2 Hybrid Protein

0.8 ml of the sulphydrylated IL-2 prepared in the above item (2) was slowly added to 0.8 mg of the maleimidated truncated gD antigen obtained in the above item (1), with stirring under ice cooling, followed by reaction overnight. The reaction mixture was subjected to a Sephadryl S-200 column to separate and remove unreacted proteins from a chemically combined hybrid protein. As a result, about 1.2 mg of the hybrid protein composed of truncated gD and rIL-2 which were chemically combined with each other was obtained.

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Example 15

Construction of Gene Expression Plasmid for Fused Protein Composed of Truncated gpl of VZV (Kizuhara Strain) and IL-2

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The plasmid pHDLneol which was constructed in Example 7 was partially digested with restriction enzyme NheI, and a DNA fragment of about 7.9 kb which was cleaved only at one site of two NheI sites was isolated. The terminus thereof was changed to a flush end with T4 DNA polymerase. Then, the resulting fragment was digested with NheI again, and a portion of the promoter and the gD region were removed to isolate a residual fragment (fragment (1)).

A fragment which was obtained by digesting the plasmid pUC18gplSma containing the VZVgpl gene (Reference Example 2-(3)-ii) with restriction enzyme XbaI was rendered flush with Klenow DNA polymerase, and then inserted into a vector which was obtained by digesting pTB701 (Reference Example 2-(3)-iii) with

restriction enzyme EcoRI, followed by rendering it flush with Klenow DNA polymerase. Thus, gpl expression plasmid pTBgplSm218 was constructed (Fig. 18). This plasmid was digested with restriction enzyme Eco52I to isolate a fragment coding for the amino acid sequence up to the 515th of gpl, and the termini thereof were changed to flush ends with T4 DNA polymerase. The resulting fragment was digested with restriction enzyme BglII to isolate a 1.04-kb fragment (fragment (2)).

Similarly, pTBgplSm218 was digested with NheI and BglII to isolate a fragment of about 2.1 kb containing a portion of the promoter and a portion of gpl (fragment (3)).

The above three fragments (1), (2) and (3) were ligated to one another with T4 DNA ligase to obtain gene expression plasmid pVGL4 for the fused protein composed of VZV truncated gpl and IL-2 (Fig. 18).

Further, a fragment (containing an ASVLTR promoter) which was obtained by digesting the truncated expression plasmid pTBE7dhfr4 having the hamster dihydrofolate reductase (hDHFR) as a selected marker (Reference Example 2-(4)) with NheI and HindIII, a fragment (containing an hDHFR gene) which was obtained by digesting the plasmid pTBE7dhfr4 with HindIII and Sall, and a fragment which was obtained by digesting pVGL4 with NheI and Sall were ligated to one another with T4 DNA ligase to construct plasmid pVGLdhfr11 (Fig. 19).

Example 16

Gene Expression of Fused Protein Composed of VZV Truncated gpl and IL-2 in COS-7 Cell

The plasmids pVGL4 and pVGLdhfr11 which were constructed in Example 15 were introduced into COS-7 cells to examine transient expression.

COS-7 cells (5×10^5 cells /10 cm dish) were inoculated into 10 ml of Dulbecco's MEM medium (Gibco) containing 10% FCS, and after 18 hours, the cells were transfected with the above plasmids (20 μ g/dish) in accordance with the method of Wigler et al. [Cell 16, 777-785 (1979)]. After 24 hours, the resulting cells were incubated on Dulbecco's MEM medium (Gibco) containing 25 mM HEPES (Donin Chemical Laboratory for 2 days. Then, 5 ml of the culture supernatant was concentrated to about 200 μ l by a Centricut (Centricut 20, Kurabo Industries). 10 μ l of this supernatant was mixed with 5 μ l of Laemmli buffer having a 3-fold concentration [final concentrations: 62.5 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 2% SDS, 10% glycerol, 5% 2-ME, 0.001% BPB], and the mixture was heated at 95°C for 5 minutes. This sample was subjected to electrophoresis using 10%-20% SDS polyacrylamide gels (Daiichi Kagaku). After electrophoresis, the sample was assayed by the Western blotting method using a mouse anti-gpl monoclonal antibody (which was obtained from a hybridoma prepared by fusing a spleen cell of a BALB/c mouse immunized with a supernatant of VZV-infected cells disrupted by ultrasonication as an immunogen and mouse myeloma cell SP2 with polyethylene glycol) and a rabbit anti-IL-2 antibody (Genzyme). As a result, in the supernatants of the cells into which pVGL4 and pVGLdhfr11 were introduced, a band was detected for each of the anti-gpl antibody and the anti-IL-2 antibody (Fig. 20). On the contrary, in the supernatants of the cells as a control into which pTBE7dhfr4 and pTBgplEcT (Reference Example 2-(3)-iii) were introduced, a band was only detected for the anti-gpl antibody.

Further, IL-2 biological activity in each supernatant was examined in accordance with the method of Tada et al. [J. Immunol. Methods 93, 157-165 (1986)]. As a consequence, only when pVGL4 and pVGLdhfr11 were introduced, the IL-2 activity was observed in the supernatant. This revealed that IL-2 which was fused with gpl had the biological activity (Table 4).

Table 4

	Plasmid	IL-2 Activity (U/ml)
Control	Not detected	
pVGL4	0.27	
pTBE7dhfr4	Not detected	
pVGLdhfr11	0.14	
pTBgplEcT	Not detected	

Example 17

Construction of Gene Expression Plasmid for Fused Protein Composed of Human Immunodeficiency Virus
(HIV) gag Protein and IL-2

- 5 (1) An Sall linker is added to a 5.1-kb Accl-Sall fragment containing the gag-pol region of HIV recombinant proviral clone pNL4-3 [Adachi et al., J. Virol. 59, 284-291 (1986); GenBank R62.0 December 1989, locus HIVNL43], and then the resulting fragment is inserted into the Sall site of pBR322 to prepare 10 plasmid pTB770.
- (2) The plasmid pTB770 is digested with restriction enzyme Xmnl to isolate a 0.43-kb fragment. This fragment is cleaved with BamHI, and then the cleaved fragment is inserted into pUC8 whose termini are changed to flush ends with T4 DNA polymerase to obtain subclone pUC8Xm3.
- The subclone pUC8Xm3 is digested with EcoRI and EcoT22I to isolate a 0.42-kb fragment (fragment 15 (1)).
- The plasmid pTB770 is digested with BgIII, and then the termini of the digested fragment is changed to flush ends with T4 DNA polymerase, followed by digestion with EcoT22I to isolate a 0.85-kb fragment (fragment (2)).
- Plasmid pTB505 [Sasada et al., Cell Structure and Function 13, 129-141 (1988)] for secretory 20 expression of EGF with the signal sequence of IL-2 is digested with EcoRI and Sall to isolate a 1.9-kb fragment (fragment (3)).
- The plasmid pHDLneo (refer to Example 5) is digested with Nhel, and then the termini of the digested fragment is changed to flush ends with T4 DNA polymerase, followed by digestion with Sall to isolate a 3.0-kb fragment (fragment (4)).
- 25 The above four fragments (1), (2), (3) and (4) are ligated to one another with T4 DNA ligase to obtain expression plasmid pGAL2 to which genes each coding for the IL-2 signal sequence (containing the amino acid sequence up to Gln¹¹), Ile¹⁹ to Ile⁴³⁷ of the HIV gag protein and Ala¹ to Thr¹³³ of IL-2 are ligated downstream from an A-MuLV LTR SV40 promoter (Fig. 21).
- (3) Further, in order to modify the plasmid which is obtained in (2) to a stable expression plasmid, the 30 neo gene of the plasmid pHDLneo1 is inserted into pGAL2.
- The plasmid pHDLneo1 is digested with Clal and Sall to isolate a 2.8-kb fragment. This fragment, a 3.6-kb fragment which is obtained by digesting pGAL2 with Clal and BgIII, and a 2.5-kb fragment which is obtained by digesting pGAL2 with Sall and BcII are ligated to one another with T4 DNA ligase to obtain expression plasmid pGALneo (Fig. 22).
- 35 With respect to the plasmid obtained according to the above methods, the biological activity of the expressed product can be assayed in the same manner as Example 16. The antigenicity of the expressed product can be confirmed by Western blotting using an anti-gag antibody (Chemicon).
- It is understood that the examples and embodiments described herein are for illustrative purposes only and that various modifications or changes in light thereof that will be suggested to persons skilled in the art 40 are to be included in the spirit and purview of this application and the scope of the approved claims.

Claims

- 45 1. A fused protein comprising an antigen used for vaccine and a lymphokine.
2. A fused protein in accordance with claim 1, in which the antigen used for vaccine is fused with the lymphokine through a linker.
3. A fused protein in accordance with claim 1, in which the lymphokine is interleukin 2.
4. A fused protein in accordance with claim 3, in which the interleukin 2 is human-derived interleukin 2.
- 50 5. A fused protein in accordance with claim 1, in which the antigen used for vaccine is a viral antigen, a pathogenic protozoal antigen or a pathogenic bacterial antigen.
6. A fused protein in accordance with claim 1, in which the antigen used for vaccine is a herpesvirus antigen.
7. A fused protein in accordance with claim 6, in which the herpesvirus antigen is a herpes simplex virus antigen or a varicella-zoster virus antigen.
- 55 8. A fused protein in accordance with claim 1, in which the antigen used for vaccine is a human retrovirus antigen.
9. A fused protein in accordance with claim 8, in which the human retrovirus antigen is a human

- immunodeficiency virus antigen.
10. A fused protein in accordance with claim 1, in which the antigen used for vaccine is a herpes simplex virus surface antigen.
 11. A fused protein in accordance with claim 10, in which the herpes simplex virus surface antigen is gD or gB of herpes simplex virus type I or type II.
 12. A fused protein in accordance with claim 11, in which the gD or the gB is gD or gB lacking a transmembrane domain.
 13. A fused protein in accordance with claim 1, in which a herpes simplex virus surface antigen is arranged on the amino terminal side and interleukin 2 is arranged on the carboxyl terminal side.
 14. A recombinant DNA containing a nucleotide sequence coding for a fused protein comprising an antigen used for vaccine and a lymphokine.
 15. A recombinant DNA in accordance with claim 14, in which the lymphokine is interleukin 2.
 16. A recombinant DNA in accordance with claim 14, in which the antigen used for vaccine is a herpesvirus antigen or a human retrovirus antigen.
 17. A recombinant DNA in accordance with claim 14, in which the antigen used for vaccine is a herpes simplex virus surface antigen.
 18. A transformant bearing a recombinant DNA containing a nucleotide sequence coding for a fused protein comprising an antigen used for vaccine and a lymphokine.
 19. A transformant in accordance with claim 18, in which the lymphokine is interleukin 2.
 20. A transformant in accordance with claim 18, in which the antigen used for vaccine is a herpesvirus antigen or a human retrovirus antigen.
 21. A transformant in accordance with claim 18, in which the antigen used for vaccine is a herpes simplex virus surface antigen.
 22. A method for producing a fused protein comprising an antigen used for vaccine and a lymphokine, the method comprising cultivating a transformant bearing a recombinant DNA containing a nucleotide sequence coding for the fused protein, producing and accumulating the fused protein in a culture, and collecting the fused protein.
 23. A method in accordance with claim 22, in which the lymphokine is interleukin 2.
 24. A method in accordance with claim 22, in which the antigen used for vaccine is a herpesvirus antigen or a human retrovirus antigen.
 25. A method in accordance with claim 22, in which the antigen used for vaccine is a herpes simplex virus surface antigen.
 26. A hybrid protein obtained by chemically combining an antigen used for vaccine and a lymphokine.
 27. A hybrid protein in accordance with claim 26, in which the antigen used for vaccine is a viral antigen, a pathogenic protozoal antigen or a pathogenic bacterial antigen.
 28. A hybrid protein in accordance with claim 26, in which the antigen used for vaccine is a herpesvirus antigen.
 29. A hybrid protein in accordance with claim 26, in which the antigen used for vaccine is a herpes simplex virus surface antigen.
 30. A hybrid protein in accordance with claim 26, in which the lymphokine is interleukin 2.
 31. A fused protein comprising an antigen used for vaccine and a lymphokine in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
 32. A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a hybrid protein obtained by chemically combining an antigen used for vaccine with a lymphokine, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
 33. A method for preparing a recombinant DNA containing a nucleotide sequence coding for a fused protein comprising an antigen used for vaccine and a lymphokine, the method comprising inserting the nucleotide sequence into a vector.
 34. A method for preparing a transformant bearing a recombinant DNA containing a nucleotide sequence coding for a fused protein comprising an antigen used for vaccine and a lymphokine, the method comprising transforming a microorganism with the recombinant DNA.
 35. A method for producing a hybrid protein of an antigen used for vaccine with a lymphokine, which comprises
 - (a) condensing a reactive amino group of one of the proteins with a reactive carboxyl group of the other protein, or
 - (b) maleimidating one of the proteins, and reacting the maleimidated protein with the other protein into which a sulphydryl group is introduced, or
 - (c) combining one of the proteins having a reactive amino group with the other protein having a reactive amino group by using a dialdehyde reagent, or

EDTA : Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid

SDS : Sodium dodecyl sulfate

DTT : Dithiothreitol

Gly : Glycine (G)

5 Ala : Alanine (A)

Val : Valine (V)

Leu : Leucine (L)

Ile : Isoleucine (I)

Ser : Serine (S)

10 Thr : Threonine (T)

Cys : Cysteine (C)

1/2 Cys: Half cysteine

Met : Methionine (M)

Glu : Glutamic acid (E)

15 Asp : Aspartic acid (D)

Lys : Lysine (K)

Arg : Arginine (R)

His : Histidine (H)

Phe : Phenylalanine (F)

20 Tyr : Tyrosine (Y)

Trp : Tryptophan (W)

Pro : Proline (P)

Asn : Asparagine (N)

Gln : Glutamine (Q)

25 Ap^r : Ampicillin-resistant gene

Tc^r : Tetracycline-resistant gene

ARS 1: Autonomous replication sequence 1

With respect to the proteins of the present invention, a portion of the amino acid sequence may be modified, namely there may be addition, elimination or substitution by a different amino acid(s) as long as the immunogenicity is not lost.

30 The present invention will hereinafter be described in detail with the following Reference Examples and Examples. It is understood of course that these Reference Examples and Examples are merely illustrative and are not intended to limit the scope of the invention.

Transformant CHO-HDL-1-5 obtained in Example 3 described below and bearing plasmid pHDLdhfr1 was deposited with the Fermentation Research Institute, Agency of Industrial Science and Technology, 35 Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Japan (FRI) under the accession number FERM BP-2506 on July 7, 1989. This microorganism was also deposited with the Institute for Fermentation, Osaka, Japan (IFO) under the accession number IFO 50192 on June 26, 1989.

Transformant Escherichia coli DH1/pHSD BJ-1 bearing plasmid PHSD BJ-1 described in Reference 40 Example mentioned below was deposited with the FRI under the accession number FERM BP-1784 on March 9, 1988. This microorganism was also deposited with the IFO under the accession number IFO 14730 on February 23, 1988.

Transformant Saccharomyces cerevisiae NA74-3A(β)/pGFE213 bearing plasmid pGFE213 described in Example 1 mentioned below was deposited with the FRI under the accession number FERM BP-2095 on October 11, 1988. This microorganism was also deposited with the IFO under the accession number IFO 10460 on September 19, 1988.

Animal cell SP-neo-HSD-39 described in Example 6 mentioned below was deposited with the FRI under the accession number FERM BP-2809 on March 16, 1990. This microorganism was also deposited with the IFO under the accession number IFO 50231 on March 1, 1990.

50 Animal cell SP-neo-HDL-245 described in Example 8 mentioned below was deposited with the FRI under the accession number FERM BP-2810 on March 16, 1990. This microorganism was also deposited with the IFO under the accession number IFO 50232 on March 1, 1990.

Transformant Escherichia coli K12 DH1/pTB652 bearing plasmid pTB652 described in Example 5 mentioned below was deposited with the FRI under the accession number FERM BP-1373 on September 5, 55 1986. This microorganism was also deposited with the IFO under the accession number IFO 14539 on August 29, 1986.

Transformant Escherichia coli JM109/pVGL4 bearing plasmid pVGL4 described in Example 15 mentioned below was deposited with the FRI under the accession number FERM BP-2977 on June 20, 1990.

Fig. 1

1 Met Gly Gly Ala Ala Ala Arg Leu Gly Ala Val Ile Leu Phe Val Val
 17 Ile Val Gly Leu His Gly Val Arg Gly Lys Tyr Ala Leu Ala Asp Ala
 33 Ser Leu Lys Met Ala Asp Pro Asn Arg Phe Arg Gly Lys Asp Leu Pro
 49 Val Leu Asp Pro Leu Thr Asp Pro Pro Gly Val Arg Arg Val Tyr His
 65 Ile Gln Ala Gly Leu Pro Asp Pro Phe Gln Pro Pro Ser Leu Pro Ile
 81 Thr Val Tyr Tyr Ala Val Leu Glu Arg Ala Cys Arg Ser Val Leu Leu
 97 Asn Ala Pro Ser Glu Ala Pro Gln Ile Val Arg Gly Ala Ser Glu Asp
 113 Val Arg Lys Gln Pro Tyr Asn Leu Thr Ile Ala Trp Phe Arg Met Gly
 129 Gly Asn Cys Ala Ile Pro Ile Thr Val Met Glu Tyr Thr Glu Cys Ser
 145 Tyr Asn Lys Ser Leu Gly Ala Cys Pro Ile Arg Thr Gln Pro Arg Trp
 161 Asn Tyr Tyr Asp Ser Phe Ser Ala Val Ser Glu Asp Asn Leu Gly Phe
 177 Leu Met His Ala Pro Ala Phe Glu Thr Ala Gly Thr Tyr Leu Arg Leu
 193 Val Lys Ile Asn Asp Trp Thr Glu Ile Thr Gln Phe Ile Leu Glu His
 209 Arg Ala Lys Gly Ser Cys Lys Tyr Ala Leu Pro Leu Arg Ile Pro Pro
 225 Ser Ala Cys Leu Ser Pro Gln Ala Tyr Gln Gln Gly Val Thr Val Asp
 241 Ser Ile Gly Met Leu Pro Arg Phe Ile Pro Glu Asn Gln Arg Thr Val
 257 Ala Val Tyr Ser Leu Lys Ile Ala Gly Trp His Gly Pro Lys Ala Pro
 273 Tyr Thr Ser Thr Leu Leu Pro Pro Glu Leu Ser Glu Thr Pro Asn Ala
 289 Thr Gln Pro Glu Leu Ala Pro Glu Asp Pro Glu Asp Ser Ala Leu Leu
 305 Glu Asp Pro Val Gly Thr Val Ala Pro Gln Ile Pro Pro Asn Trp His
 321 Ile Pro Ser Ile Gln Asp Ala Ala Thr Pro Tyr His Pro Pro Ala Thr
 337 Pro Asn Asn Met Gly Leu Ile Ala Gly Ala Val Gly Gly Ser Leu Leu
 353 Ala Ala Leu Val Ile Cys Gly Ile Val Tyr Trp Met His Arg Arg Thr
 369 Arg Lys Ala Pro Lys Arg Ile Arg Leu Pro His Ile Arg Glu Asp Asp
 385 Gln Pro Ser Ser His Gln Pro Leu Phe Tyr

(d) subjecting both of the proteins into which sulphydryl groups are introduced to reoxidation reaction.

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Fig. 3-1

Ala Pro

Ser Ser Pro Gly Thr Pro Gly Val Ala Ala Ala Thr Gln Ala Ala Asn
 Gly Gly Pro Ala Thr Pro Ala Pro Pro Ala Pro Gly Pro Ala Pro Thr
 Gly Asp Thr Lys Pro Lys Lys Asn Lys Lys Pro Lys Asn Pro Pro Pro
 Pro Arg Pro Ala Gly Asp Asn Ala Thr Val Ala Ala Gly His Ala Thr
 Leu Arg Glu His Leu Arg Asp Ile Lys Ala Lys Asn Thr Asp Ala Asn
 Phe Tyr Val Cys Pro Pro Pro Thr Gly Ala Thr Val Val Gln Phe Glu
 Gln Pro Arg Arg Cys Pro Thr Arg Pro Glu Gly Gln Asn Tyr Thr Glu
 Gly Ile Ala Val Val Phe Lys Glu Asn Ile Ala Pro Tyr Lys Phe Lys
 Ala Thr Met Tyr Tyr Lys Asp Val Thr Val Ser Gln Val Trp Phe Gly
 His Arg Tyr Ser Gln Phe Met Gly Ile Phe Glu Asp Arg Ala Pro Val
 Pro Phe Glu Glu Val Ile Asp Lys Ile Asn Ala Lys Gly Val Cys Arg
 Ser Thr Ala Lys Tyr Val Arg Asn Asn Leu Glu Thr Thr Ala Phe His
 Arg Asp Asp His Glu Thr Asp Met Glu Leu Lys Pro Ala Asn Ala Ala
 Thr Arg Thr Ser Arg Gly Trp His Thr Thr Asp Leu Lys Tyr Asn Pro
 Ser Arg Val Glu Ala Phe His Arg Tyr Gly Thr Thr Val Asn Cys Ile
 Val Glu Glu Val Asp Ala Arg Ser Val Tyr Pro Tyr Asn Glu Phe Val
 Leu Ala Thr Gly Asp Phe Val Tyr Met Ser Pro Phe Tyr Gly Tyr Arg
 Glu Gly Ser His Thr Glu His Thr Ser Tyr Ala Ala Asp Arg Phe Lys
 Gln Val Asp Gly Phe Tyr Ala Arg Asp Leu Thr Thr Lys Ala Arg Ala
 Thr Ala Pro Thr Thr Arg Asn Leu Leu Thr Thr Pro Lys Phe Thr Val
 Ala Trp Asp Trp Val Pro Lys Arg Pro Ser Val Cys Thr Met Thr Lys
 Trp Gln Glu Val Asp Glu Met Leu Arg Ser Glu Tyr Gly Ser Phe
 Arg Phe Ser Ser Asp Ala Ile Ser Thr Thr Phe Thr Thr Asn Leu Thr
 Glu Tyr Pro Leu Ser Arg Val Asp Leu Gly Asp Cys Ile Gly Lys Asp
 Ala Arg Asp Ala Met Asp Arg Ile Phe Ala Arg Arg Tyr Asn Ala Thr
 His Ile Lys Val Gly Gln Pro Gln Tyr Tyr Leu Ala Asn Gly Gly Phe
 Leu Ile Ala Tyr Gln Pro Leu Leu Ser Asn Thr Leu Ala Glu Leu Tyr

Fig. 3-2

Val Arg Glu His Leu Arg Glu Gln Ser Arg Lys Pro Pro Asn Pro Thr
 Pro Pro Pro Pro Gly Ala Ser Ala Asn Ala Ser Val Glu Arg Ile Lys
 Thr Thr Ser Ser Ile Glu Phe Ala Arg Leu Gln Phe Thr Tyr Asn His
 Ile Gln Arg His Val Asn Asp Met Leu Gly Arg Val Ala Ile Ala Trp
 Cys Glu Leu Glp Asn His Glu Leu Thr Leu Trp Asn Glu Ala Arg Lys
 Leu Asn Pro Asn Ala Ile Ala Ser Val Thr Val Gly Arg Arg Val Ser
 Ala Arg Met Leu Gly Asp Val Met Ala Val Ser Thr Cys Val Pro Val
 Ala Asp Asn Val Ile Val Gln Asn Ser Met Arg Ile Ser Ser Arg
 Pro Gly Ala Cys Tyr Ser Arg Pro Leu Val Ser Phe Arg Tyr Glu Asp
 Gln Gly Pro Leu Val Glu Gly Gln Leu Gly Glu Asn Asn Glu Leu Arg
 Leu Thr Arg Asp Ala Ile Glu Pro Cys Thr Val Gly His Arg Arg Tyr
 Phe Thr Phe Gly Gly Tyr Val Tyr Phe Glu Glu Tyr Ala Tyr Ser
 His Gln Leu Ser Arg Ala Asp Ile Thr Thr Val Ser Thr Phe Ile Asp
 Leu Asn Ile Thr Met Leu Glu Asp His Glu Phe Val Pro Leu Glu Val
 Tyr Thr Arg His Glu Ile Lys Asp Ser Gly Leu Leu Asp Tyr Thr Glu
 Val Gln Arg Arg Asn Gln Leu His Asp Leu Arg Phe Ala Asp Ile Asp
 Thr Val Ile His Ala Asp Ala Asn Ala Ala Met Phe Ala Gly Leu Gly
 Ala Phe Phe Glu Gly Met Gly Asp Leu Gly Arg Ala Val Gly Lys Val
 Val Met Gly Ile Val Gly Val Val Ser Ala Val Ser Gly Val Ser
 Ser Phe Met Ser Asn Pro Phe Gly Ala Leu Ala Val Gly Leu Val
 Leu Ala Gly Leu Ala Ala Ala Phe Phe Ala Phe Arg Tyr Val Met Arg
 Leu Gln Ser Asn Pro Met Lys Ala Leu Tyr Pro Leu Thr Thr Lys Glu
 Leu Lys Asn Pro Thr Asn Pro Asp Ala Ser Gly Glu Gly Glu Gly
 Gly Asp Phe Asp Glu Ala Lys Leu Ala Glu Ala Arg Glu Met Ile Arg
 Tyr Met Ala Leu Val Ser Ala Met Glu His Thr Glu His Lys Ala Lys
 Lys Lys Gly Thr Ser Ala Leu Leu Ser Ala Lys Val Thr Asp Met Val
 Met Arg Lys Arg Arg Asn Thr Asn Tyr Thr Gln Val Pro Asn Lys Asp
 Ser Asp Ala Asp Glu Asp Asp Leu

Fig. 4-1

1 GAGTTGCGCCGCCG 15
 GACTGCAGCCGCCCGACCTCCGAAGGTCGTTACCGTTACCCGCCGGCGTAT 67
 ATCTCACGTACGACTCCGACTGTCCGCTGGTGGCCATCGTCGAGAGCGCCCC 119
 CGACGGCTGTATCGGCCCCCGGTGGTCGTGGTCTACGACCGAGACGTTTC 171
 TCGATCCTCTACTCGGTCTCCAGCACCTGCCAGGCTACCTGACGGGG 223
 GGCACGACGGGCCCGTAGTCCC GCC ATG CGC CAG GGC GCC CCC GCG 271
 CGG GGG TGC CGG TGG TTC GTC GTA TGG GCG CTC TTG GGG TTG ACG 316
 CTG GGG GTC CTG GTG GCG TCG GCG GCT CCG AGT TCC CCC GGC ACG 361
 CCT GGG GTC GCG GCC GCG ACC CAG GCG GCG AAC GGG GGA CCT GCC 406
 ACT CCG GCG CCG CCC GCC CCT GGC CCC GCC CCA ACG GGG GAC ACG 451
 AAA CCG AAG AAG AAC AAA AAA CCG AAA AAC CCA CCG CCG CCG CGC 496
 CCC GCC GGC GAC AAC GCG ACC GTC GCC GCG GGC CAC GCC ACC CTG 541
 CGC GAG CAC CTG CGG GAC ATC AAG GCG AAG AAC ACC GAT GCA AAC 586
 TTT TAC GTG TGC CCA CCC CCC ACG GGC GCC ACG GTG GTG CAG TTC 631
 GAG CAG CCG CGC CGC TGC CCG ACC CGG CCC GAG GGT CAG AAC TAC 676
 ACG GAG GGC ATC GCG GTG GTC TTC AAG GAG AAC ATC GCC CCG TAC 721
 AAG TTC AAG GCC ACC ATG TAC TAC AAA GAC GTC ACC GTT TCG CAG 766
 GTG TGG TTC GGC CAC CGC TAC TCC CAG TTT ATG GGG ATC TTT GAG 811
 GAC CGC GCC CCC GTC CCC TTC GAG GAG GTG ATC GAC AAG ATC AAC 856
 GCC AAG GGG GTC TGT CGG TCC ACG GCC AAG TAC GTG CGC AAC AAC 901
 CTG GAG ACC ACC GCG TTT CAC CGG GAC GAC CAC GAG ACC GAC ATG 945
 GAG CTG AAA CCG GCC AAC GCC GCG ACC CGC ACG AGC CGG GGC TGG 991
 CAC ACC ACC GAC CTC AAG TAC AAC CCC TCG CGG GTG GAG GCG TTC 1036
 CAC CGG TAC GGG ACG ACG GTA AAC TGC ATC GTC GAG GAG GTG GAC 1081
 GCG CGC TCG GTG TAC CCG TAC AAC GAG TTT GTG CTG GCG ACT GGC 1126
 GAG TTT GTG TAC ATG TCC CCG TTT TAC GGC TAC CGG GAG GGG TCG 1171
 CAC ACC GAA CAC ACC AGC TAC GCC GCC GAC CGC TTC AAG CAG GTC 1216
 GAC GGC TTC TAC GCG CGC GAC CTC ACC AAG GCC CGG GCC ACG 1261

Fig. 4-2

GCG CCG ACC ACC CGG AAC CTG CTC ACG ACC CCC AAG TTC ACC GTG 1306
 GCC TGG GAC TGG GTG CCA AAG CGC CCG TCG GTC TGC ACC ATG ACC 1351
 AAG TGG CAG GAG GTG GAC GAG ATG CTG CGC TCC GAG TAC GGC GGC 1396
 TCC TTC CGA TTC TCC TCC GAC GCC ATA TCC ACC ACC TTC ACC ACC 1441
 AAC CTG ACC GAG TAC CCG CTC TCG CGC GTG GAC CTG GGG GAC TGC 1486
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 GGC GAC CTG GGG CGT GCG GTC GGC AAG GTG GTG ATG GGC ATC GTG 2521

Fig. 4-3

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Fig. 5 - 2

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 1637-ACC ATG ACC AAC AAG TGG CAG GAA GTG GAC GAG ATG CTG CGC TCC GAG TAC GGC TCC TCC CGA TTC TCC GAC
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 1712-GCC ATA TCC ACC ACC AAC CTG ACC ACC GAG TAC CCG CTC TCG CGC GTG GAC CTG GGG GAC TGC ATC GGC
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 1937-GTG CGG GAA CAC CTC CGA GAG CAG AGC CGC AAG CCC AAC CCC ACG CCC CCG CCC GGG GCC AGC GCC AAC
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 2012-GCG TCC GTG GAG CGC ATC AAG ACC TCC ATC GAG TTC GCC CGG CTG CAG TTT ACC TAC AAC AAC CAC ATA CAG
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 2087-CGC CAT GTC AAC GAT ATG TTG GGC CGC GTT GCC ATC GCG TGG TGC GAG CTA CAG AAT CAC GAG CTG ACC CTC TGG
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 2162-AAC GAG GCC CGC AAG CTC AAC GCC ATC GCC TCG GTG GGC CGG CTC ACC GTG AGC GCG CGG ATG CTC
 Asn Glu Ala Arg Lys Leu Asn Pro Asn Ala Ile Ala Ser Val Thr Val Gly Arg Arg Val Ser Ala Arg Met Leu-563

Fig. 5 - 3

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 Lys Lys Gly Thr Ser Arg Leu Ser Ala Lys Val Thr Asp Met Val Met Arg Lys Arg Asn Thr Asn Arg Arg-888

Fig. 5 - 4

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3597- AGACATCCCAGGGTACCAAGACCGGGGCAAATAGCGGGGCCCATCTGAGAGCAGAACAAATCGGGCGGGCCGTCAACGTCCACCGTGTG

3697- CTGGCTGTCTGGCTGTGACAAGGCCCTGGCTTCCGGTCTGGATCTCCGGTCTGGATTC

Fig. 6-1

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Fig. 6-2

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Fig. 6-3

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Fig. 7

Fig. 8

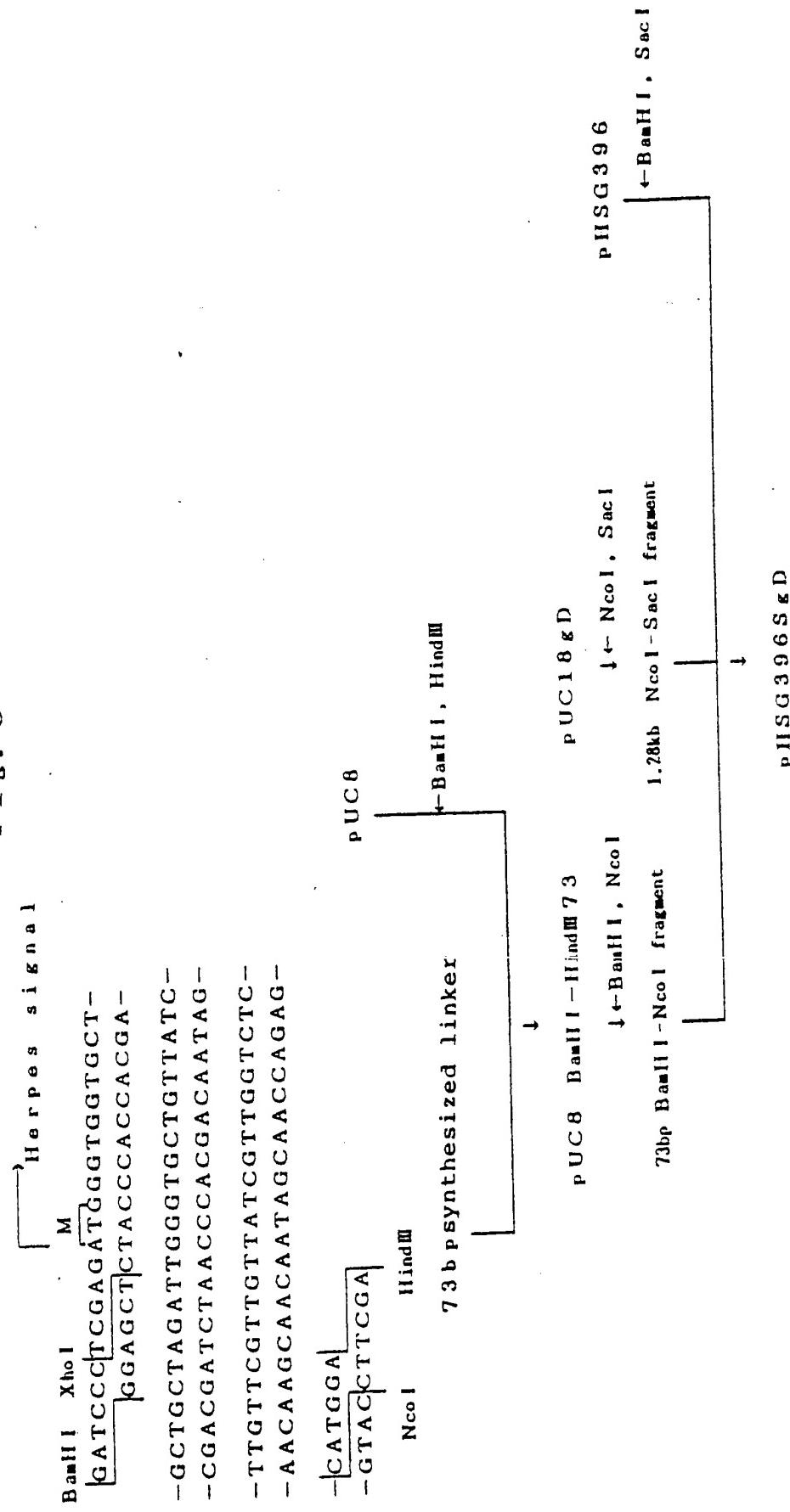


Fig. 9

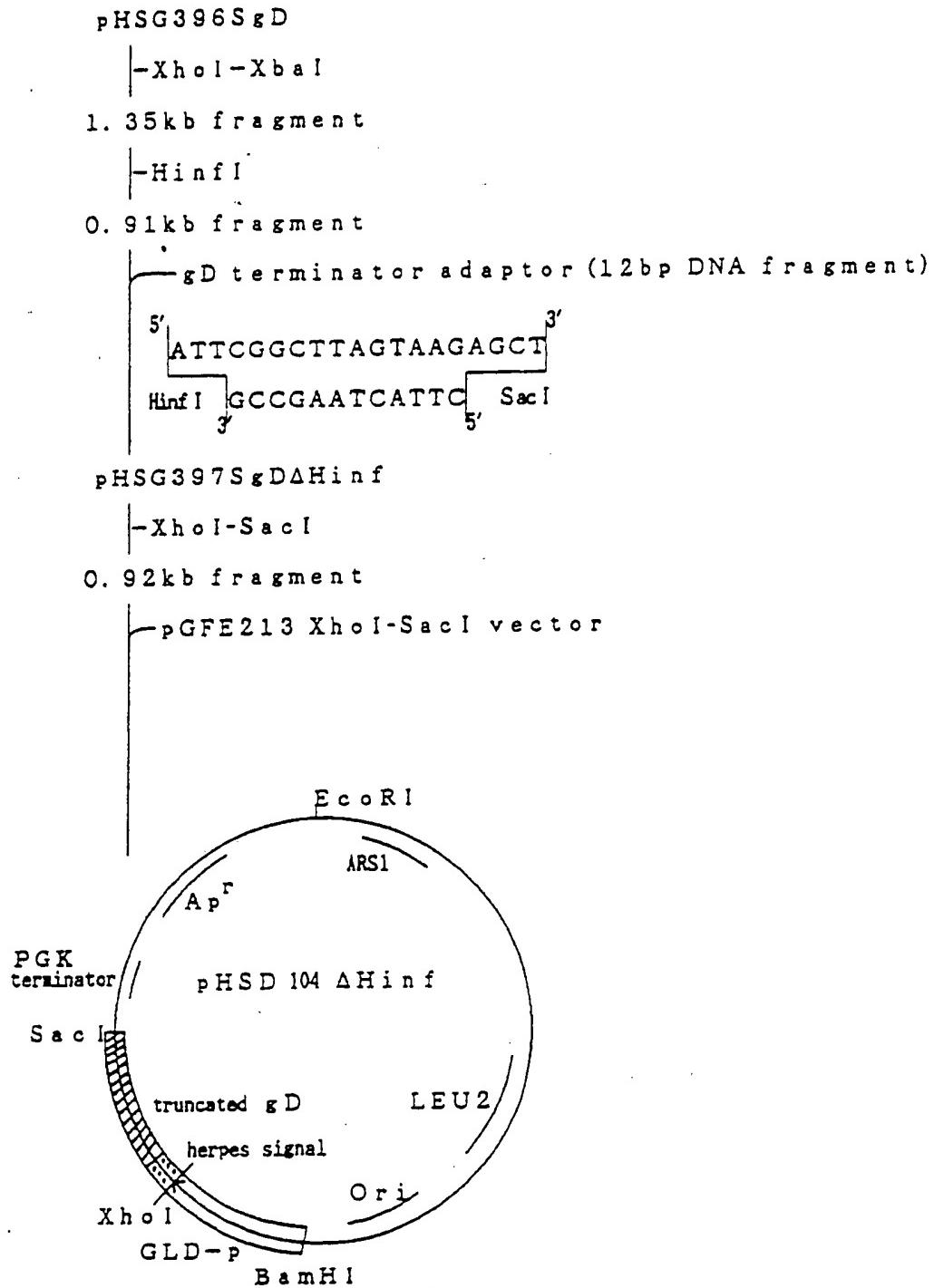


Fig. 10

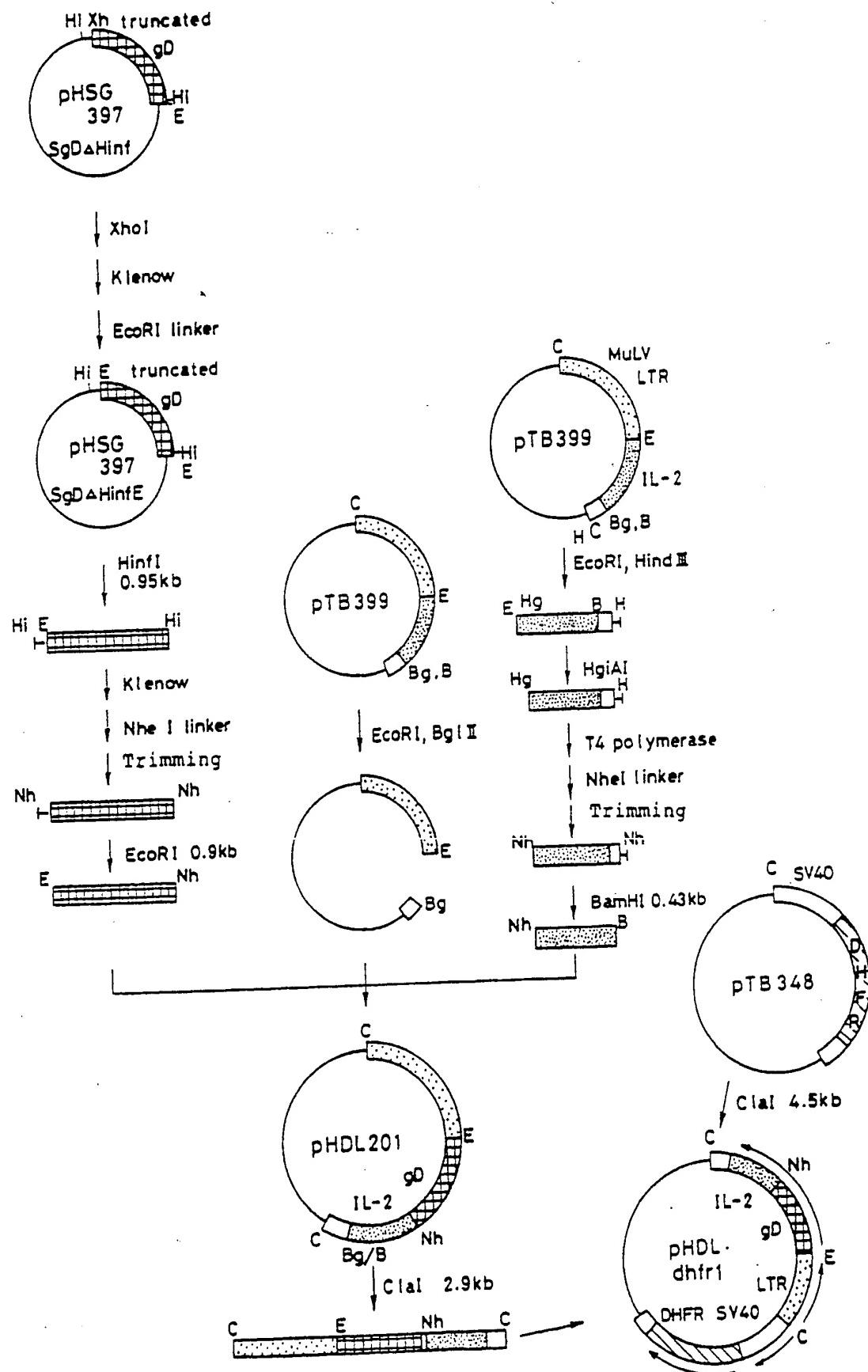


Fig. II

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 1306 TGA

Fig. 12

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 151 Ala Cys Pro Ile Arg Thr Gln Pro Arg Trp Asn Tyr Tyr Asp Ser
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Fig. 13

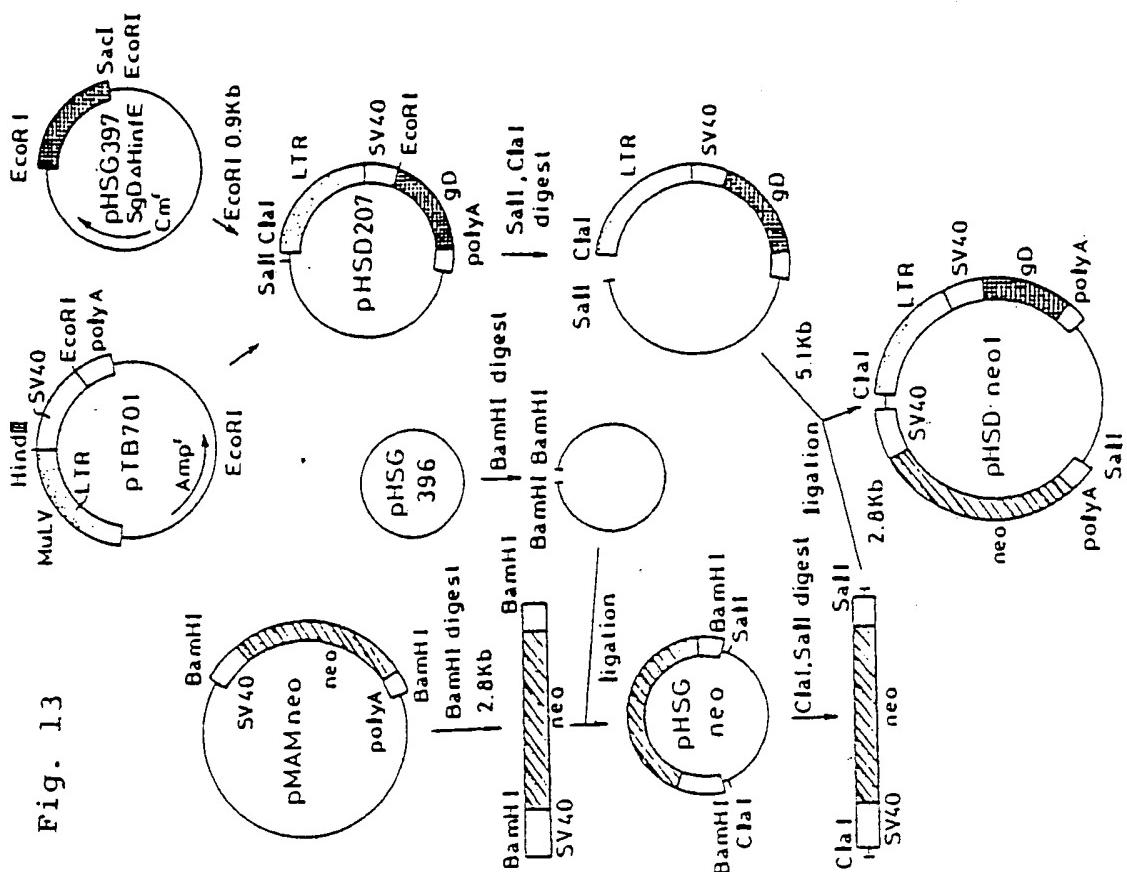


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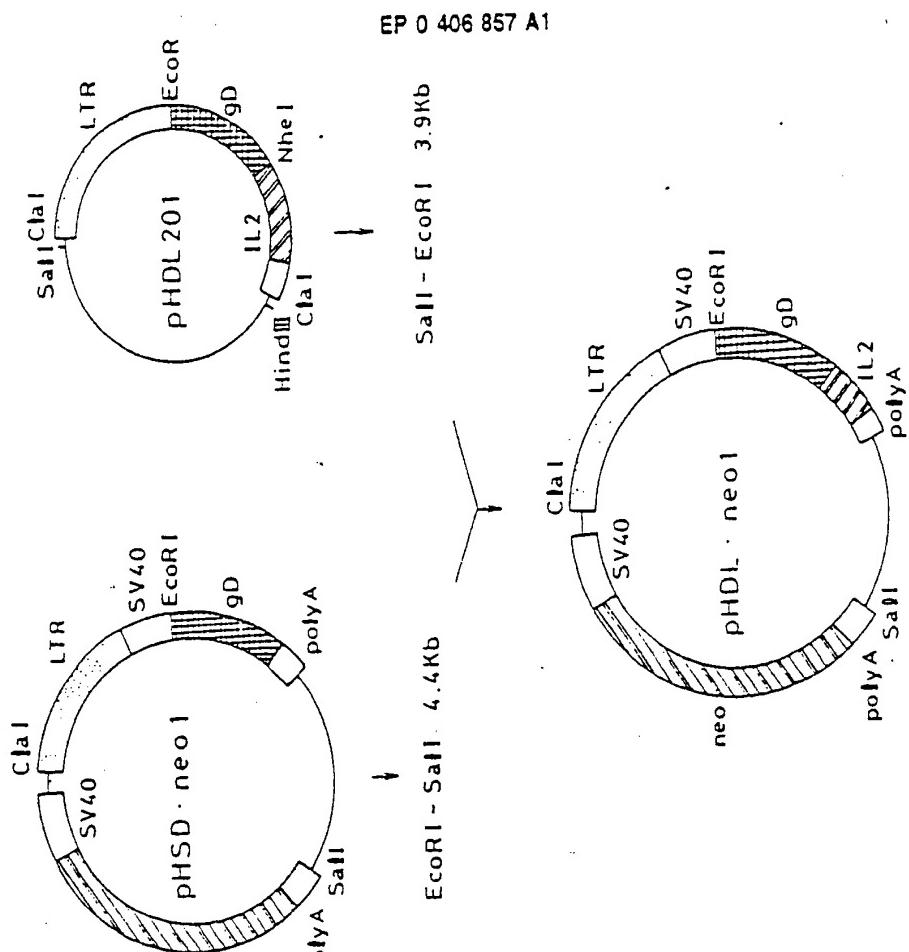
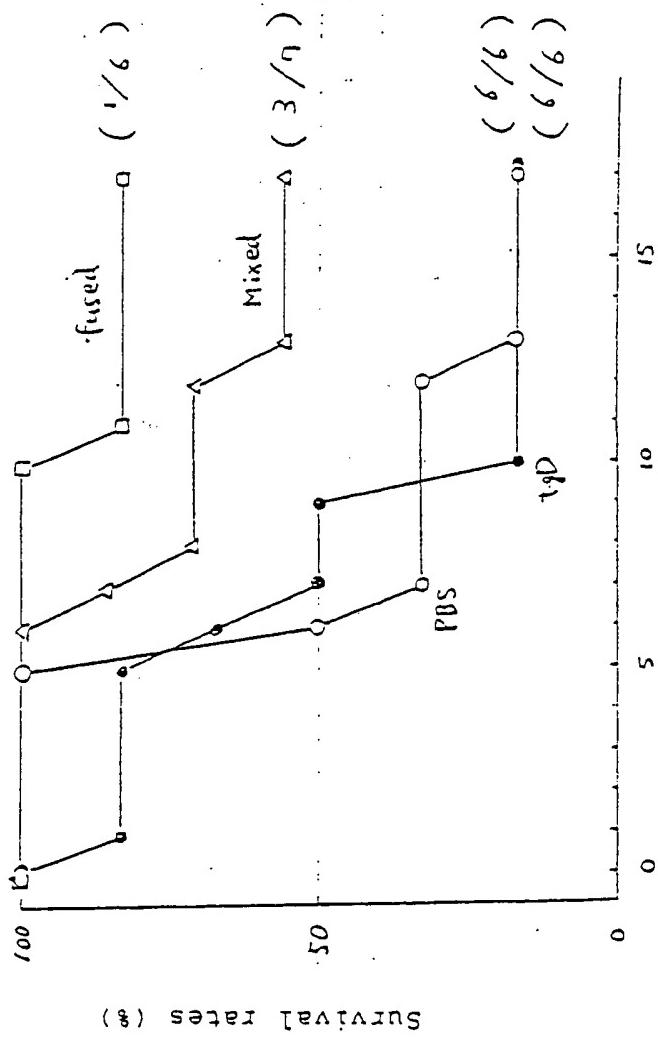


Fig. 15



Days after inoculation of HSV

Fig. 16-1

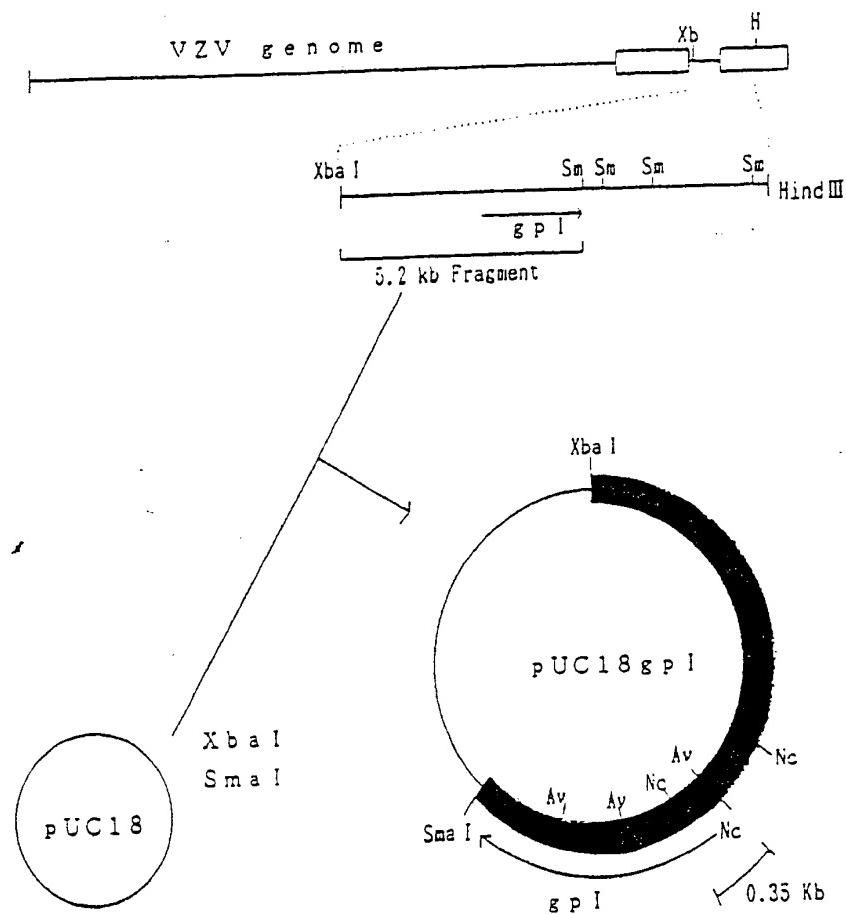


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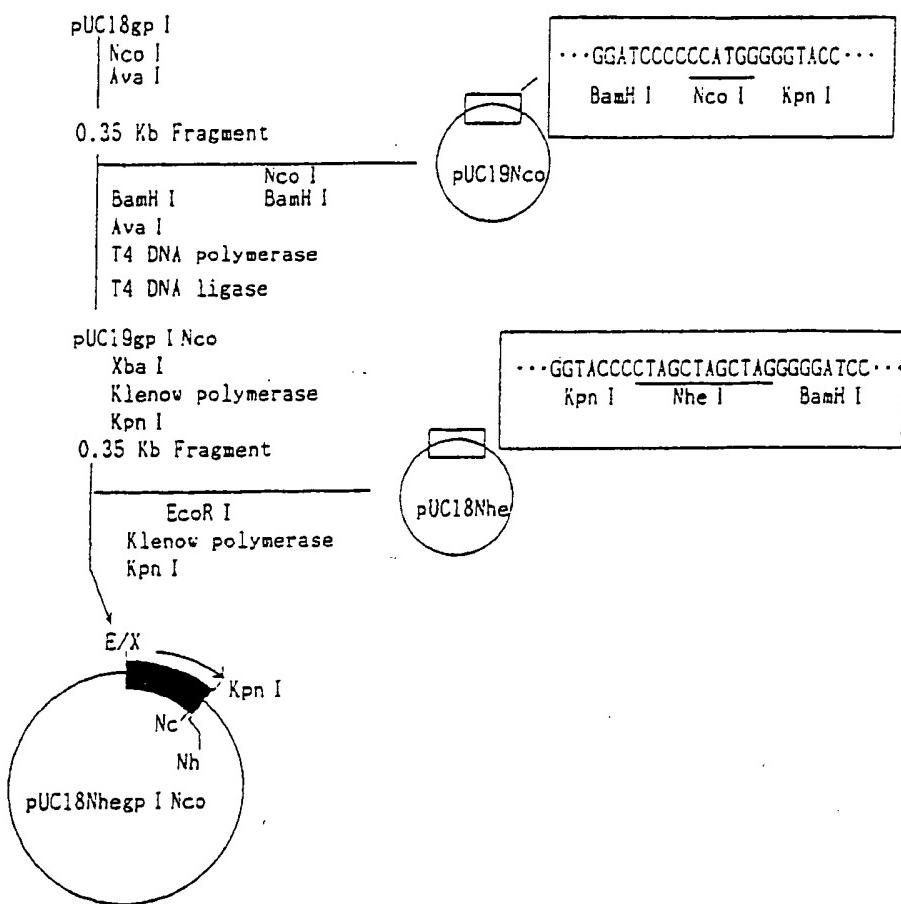


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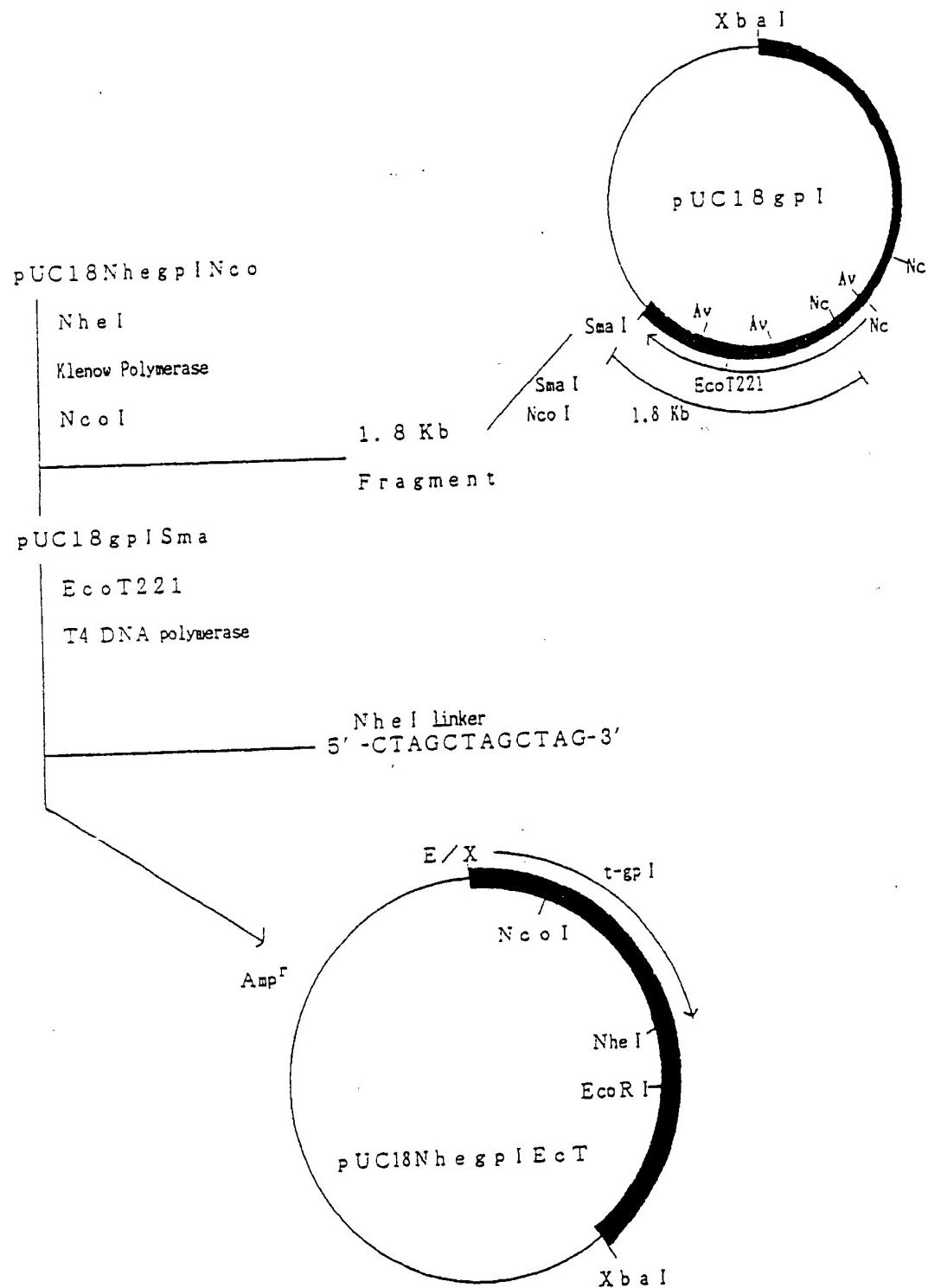


Fig. 16-4

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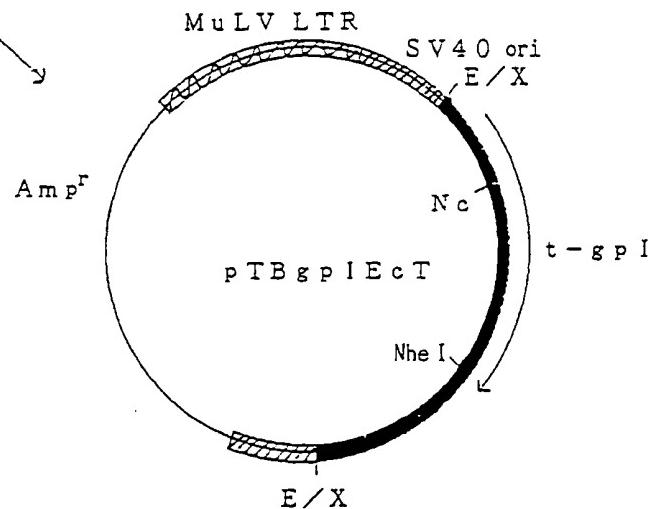
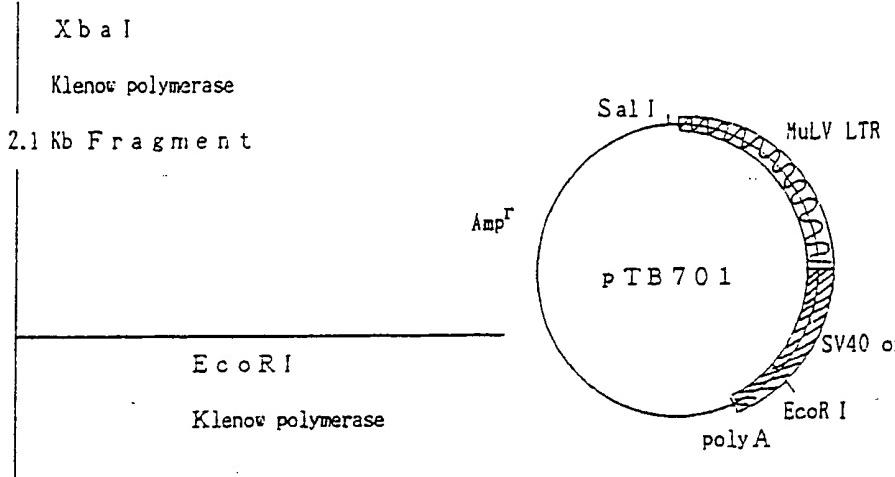


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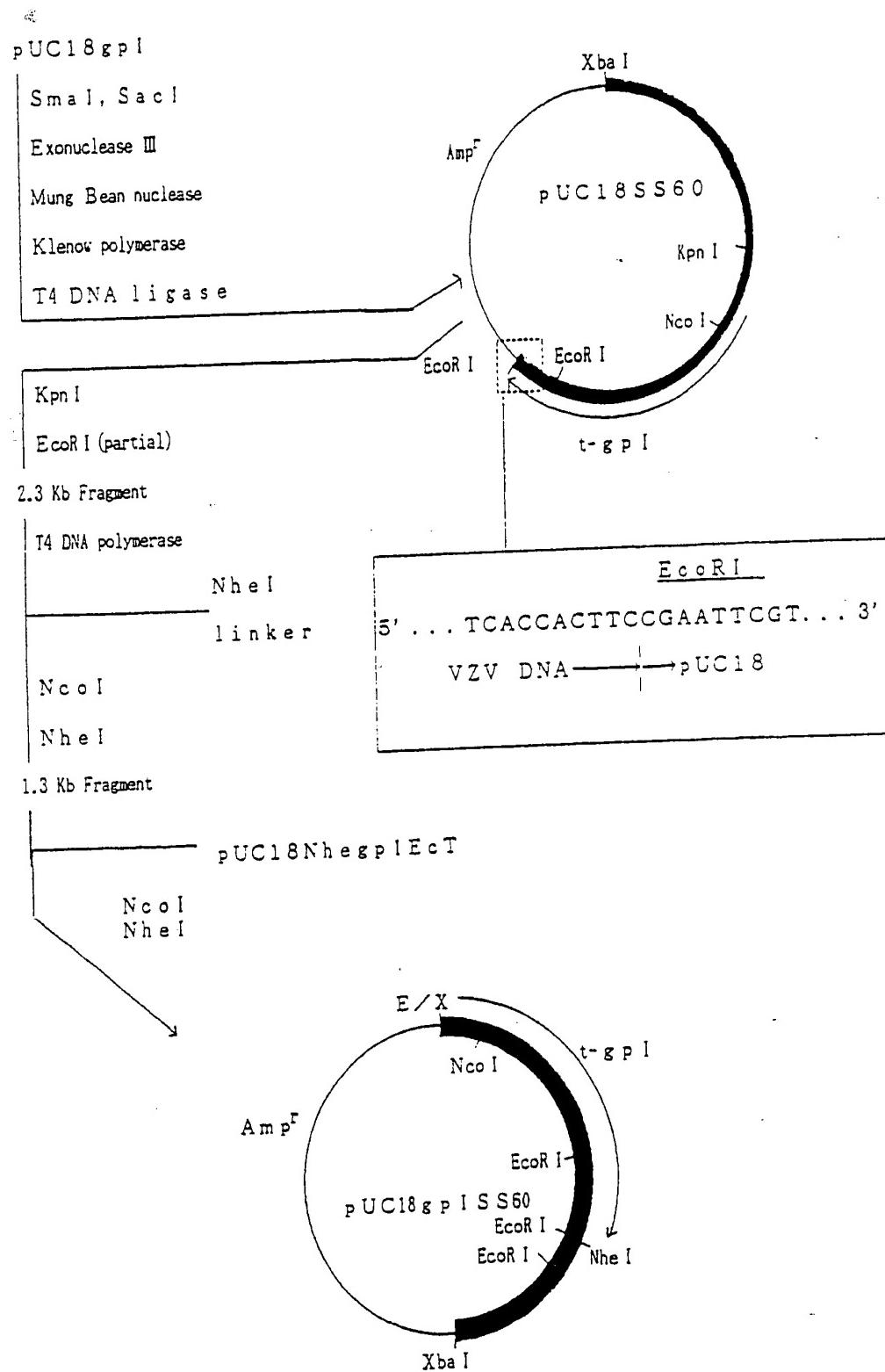


Fig. 16-6

pUC18 g p ISS60

EcoRI (partial)

5.5 Kb Fragment

Klenow polymerase

T4 DNA ligase

pUC18 g p ISS60-E7

XbaI

2.7 Kb Fragment

Klenow polymerase

pTB701

EcoRI

Klenow polymerase

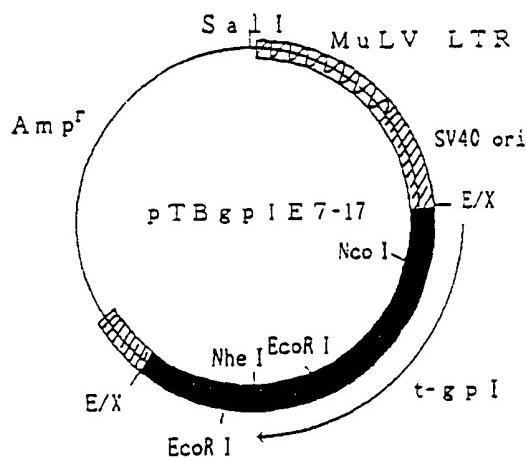


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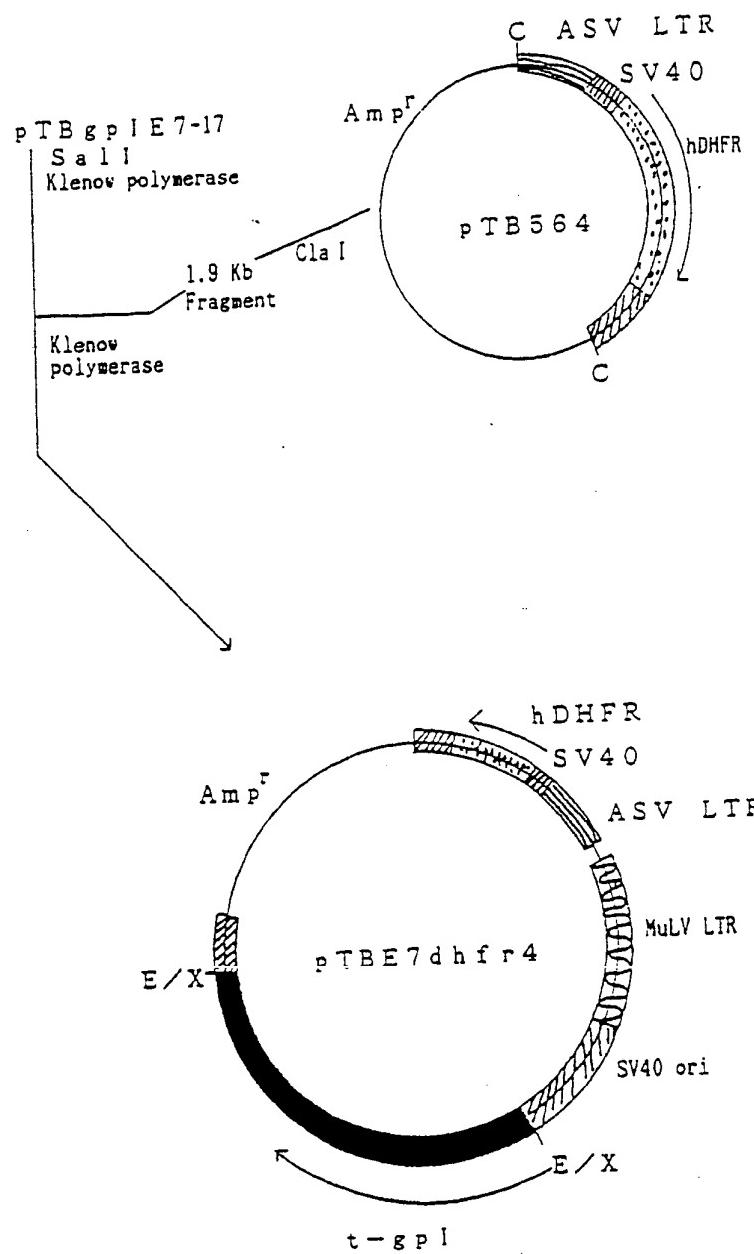


Fig. 17-1

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Fig. 17-2

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Fig. 18

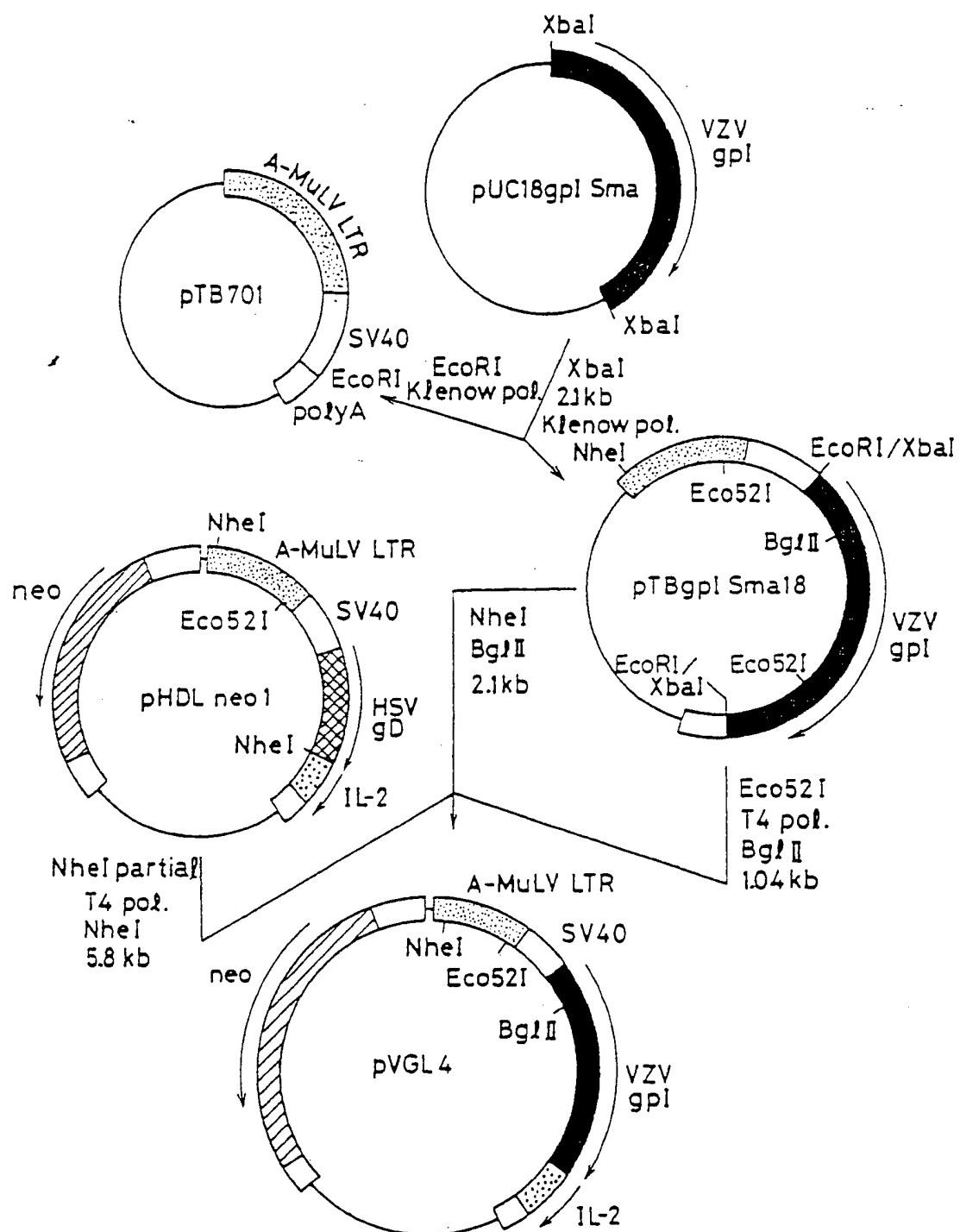


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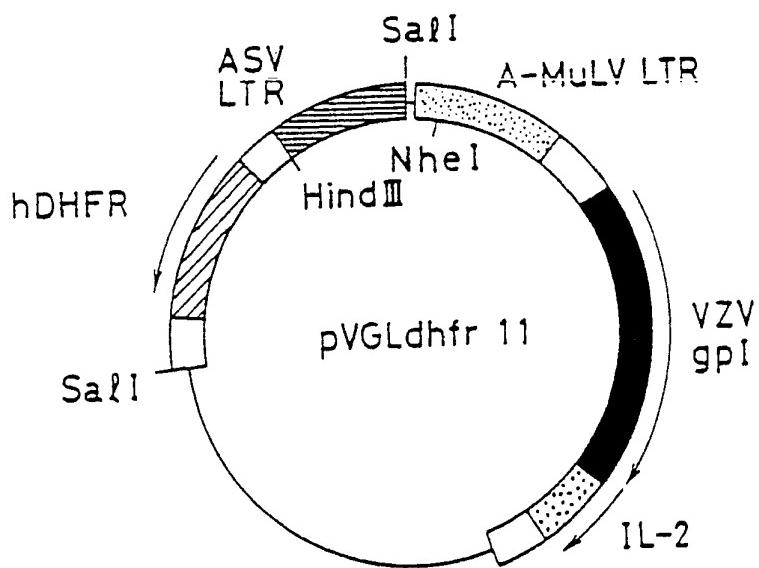
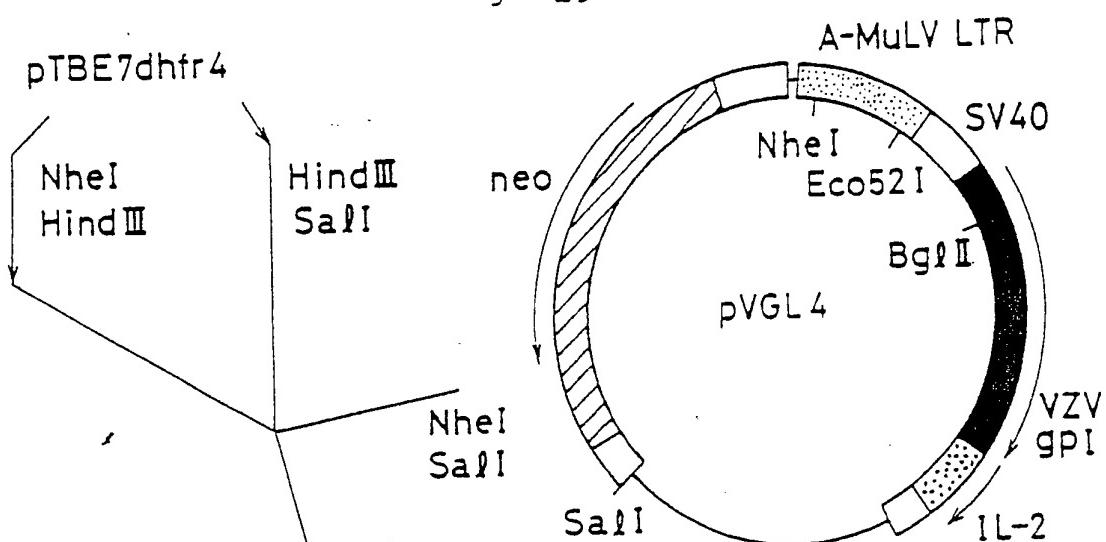


Fig. 20

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							2 pVGLdhfr 11
					- - 110		3 pTBE7dhfr 4
					- - 84		4 pVGL 4
					- - 47		5 no DNA
					- - 33		6 M.W. marker
					- - 24		
					- - 16		

B.	1	2	3	4	5	6	Lane
							1 M.W. marker
	110 -	-	-	-			2 no DNA
	84 -	-					3 pVGL 4
	47 -	-					4 pTBE7dhfr 4
	33 -	-					5 pVGL dhfr 11
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	16 -	-					

A. anti-gpI

B. anti-human IL-2

Fig. 21

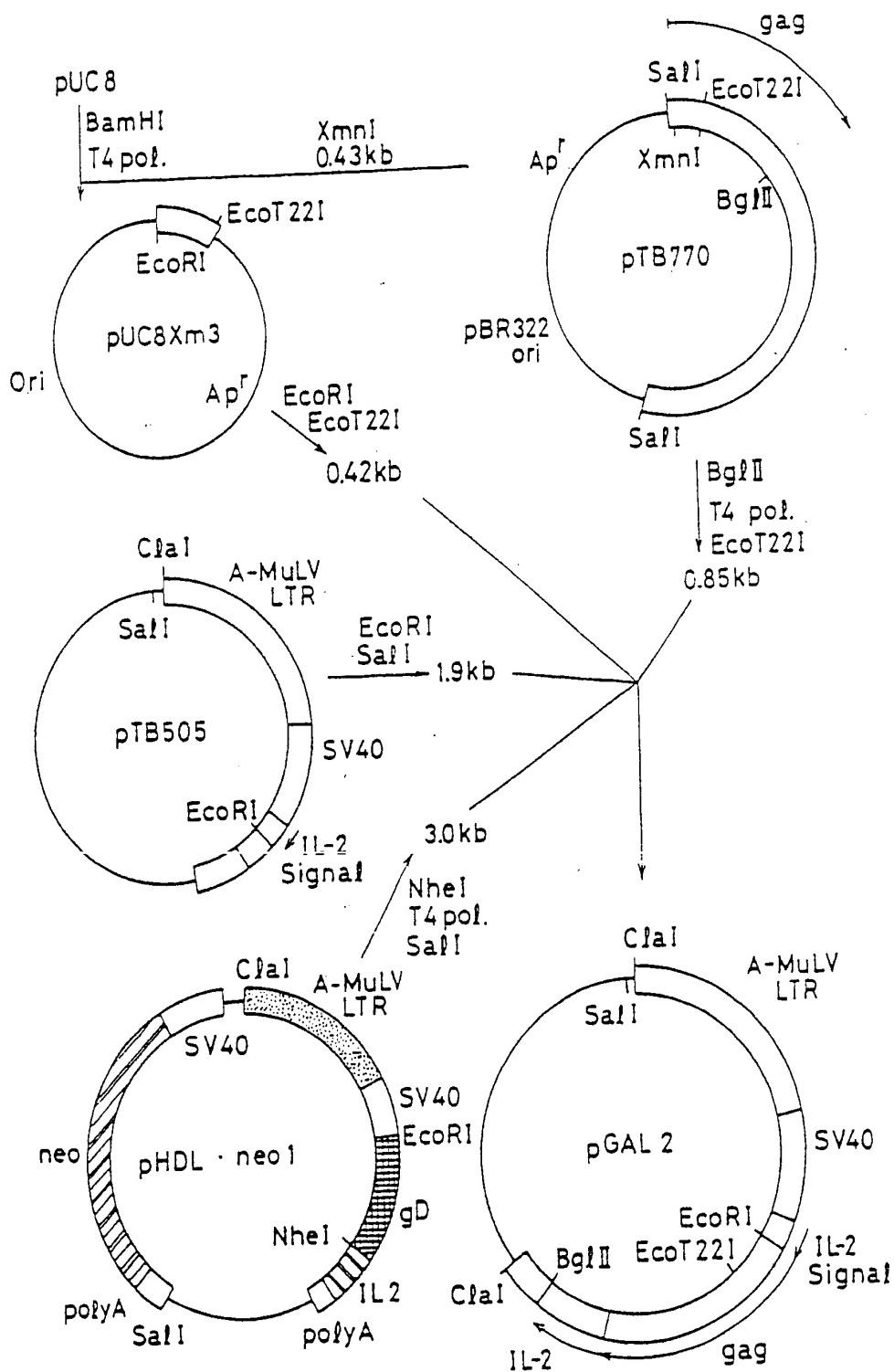
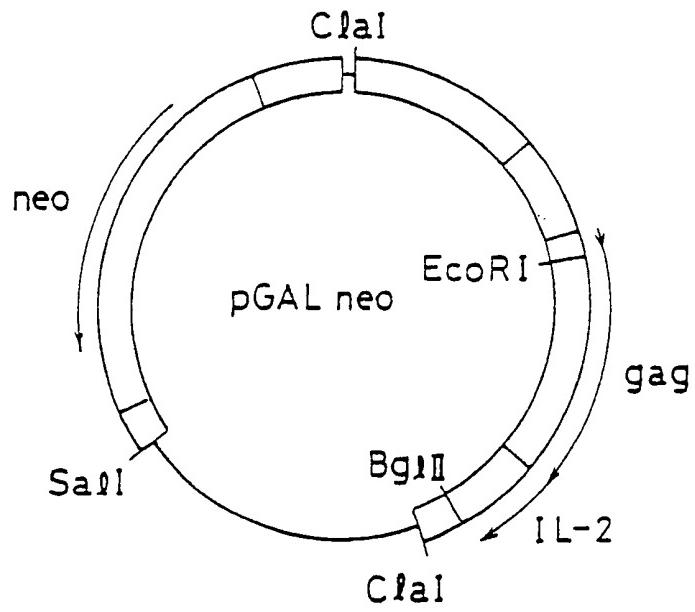
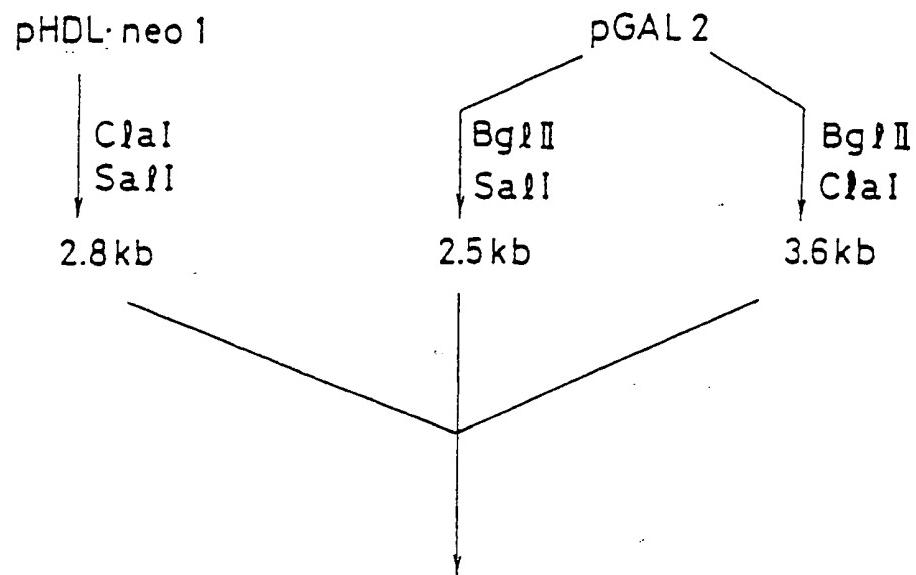


Fig. 22





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